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## FUTURE OF THE FOURTH DISCUSSED

# Selectmen hopefuls take stage for Candidate's Night

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Board of Selectmen candidates Kevin Caira, Joseph Lavino and Greg Bendel stepped up for questions at Tuesday's Candidate Debate Night. Candidate Tom Miller was absent from the debate.

The first question revolved around the ongoing issue of what to do with Fun on the Fourth festivities.

Much work has been done to facilitate the event, but the biggest problem is where to put the carnival that has been part of the traditional festivities for 35 years.

The Town has recently put a petition before the Board of Appeals which is expected to be heard at their next meeting on April 13th.

While Bendel and Caira acknowledged ongoing efforts by the Town to modify the petition to hold the carnival at the Swain parking lot, challenger Joseph Lavino maintained that the bigger question: "What will be done in the future?"

was not sufficiently answered.

"The question was: 'How do you plan on working on this issue going forward?'" said Lavino. With all due respects to my colleagues on the table, I don't believe the question was answered. Frankly, what I do believe whole-heartedly is in the rich tradition and the culture of this town, and there's nobody at this table that doesn't believe that."

"The question is, how did we get to this place in the first place? I feel that the innovative approach put on the table is fantastic," said Lavino referencing the Town's recent bid to the Board of Appeals.

"The reason why we're in this position is because there was a recusal on the vote originally that changed the landscape of how [the vote] went down," adding, "And what I bring to the table as a Selectman is that, I am a blank slate. I have no biases or opinions. I don't bring a conflict of interest."

Considerable discussion has taken place regarding efforts to return the

July 4th celebration to the Town Common. The Fourth of July Committee submitted an application to use the former Swain School parking lot as the site for the carnival. Understandably neighbors in the immediate vicinity have expressed concerns about the impact on their property.

The Committee has offered several proposals in an effort to lessen those concerns including reducing the number of rides on the space, adjusting hours of operation, and agreeing to pay costs associated with increasing the compliment of police officers on site. It remains to be seen whether the Board of Appeals will grant a special permit for the carnival. A sum of \$25,000 has been proposed in the form of a warrant article.

Other issues included substance abuse, which continues to be a priority across Town Committees and Boards, new construction, traffic and unfunded liabilities such as Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

## MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE REMAIN PRIORITIES

# School Committee talks issues on Candidate's Night

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WILMINGTON - WILMINGTON - The School Committee was first on the agenda at Candidate's Night held on Tuesday minus incumbent Peggy Kane who was unable to attend.

Uncontested incumbent Julie Broussard and newcomer Tom Talbot answered questions around mental health, later start times, special education, common core, and aging facilities.

Panelists included Tom Zuppa from the Lowell Sun and a representative from the Town Crier. Moderator Rob Peterson controlled the debate.

Zuppa began the question of drug use among young people citing statistics found in the 2016 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey that half of students are using marijuana, alcohol and hard drugs, and what should be done to lower those numbers?

Talbot answered, "I think it is education into why not to do [drugs], the harm that it causes you. These kids think they're invincible, and they're not," adding, "Getting programs together to educate [kids] on the right and wrongs and teach them that [they] don't need to do drugs to be cool or fit in."

Broussard weighed in. "You'd like to

think you're a sheltered community, but the reality is substance abuse hits every community, and these smaller towns have been hit just as hard as the bigger cities."

"In looking at whether it's a school issue versus a family issue, I think it's an issue that needs to be tackled by both sides. Certainly you can do some education at the school level, and I think anyone who has looked at the strategic plan put forth by the district, the big piece, every little piece of that has to do with, 'How do we support the whole child?'"

Broussard continued, "Looking at the mental health, how we look at behavioral health, and what supports do we put in play to start young and to get [children] that foundation where maybe they can resist some of those temptations that come up as they grow older."

Much like its counterpart, substance abuse, mental health is considered a high priority for both Selectmen and School Committee candidates.

Town Manager Jeff Hull recently proposed setting aside \$80,000 in funding for FY17, for substance abuse prevention and support programs, launched as

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NOT PICTURED: TALBOT



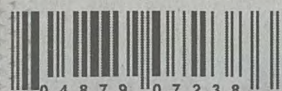
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## WHS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL BEATS OUT 42 OTHER CANDIDATES

# Dennis Mahoney gets principal's position at Winchester HS

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WINCHESTER/WILMINGTON —  
Wilmington High School Assistant  
Principal Dennis Mahoney has been

selected to take over the position of  
Principal for Winchester High  
School. Mahoney will finish out the  
school year with Wilmington, concluding his role with the school district on June 30.

Mahoney has been with Wilmington High School for six years.

"I have loved every year," Mahoney said. "The learning curve was steep at first, as I tried to understand the culture, the people, and the kids."

Some of the big lessons were to always give people the benefit of the doubt, to always trust my instincts and always work with people

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# Phillips Senior wins 'Aspirations In Computing' prize Wilmington's Neogi wins prestigious award

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ANDOVER, MA

Wilmington resident Nupur Neogi, a senior at Phillips Academy, has received the Massachusetts NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing. The award, sponsored by the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT), Bank of America, Microsoft, BATEC, and Wellesley College, recognizes young high school women for their computing-related achievements and interests as part of an effort to encourage more young women to choose careers in technology.

A total of 30 award-winners were selected from high schools across Massachusetts for their outstanding aptitude and interest in information technology and computing, solid leadership ability, good academic history, and plans for post-secondary education.

"Encouraging young women's interest in technology careers is critical. Our workforce needs their creativity and their innovation," said Lucy Sanders, CEO and Co-founder of NCWIT. The National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) works to correct the imbalance of gender diversity in technology and computing because gender diversity positively correlates with a larger workforce, better innovation, and increased business performance.

Increasing the number of women in technology and computing also has the potential to improve the design of products and services to better serve a more diverse population, and increase economic and social well-being by providing more women with stable and lucrative careers, according to NCWIT.

The function of NCWIT is to work to correct the imbalance of gender diversity in technology and computing as gender diversity "positively correlates with a larger workforce, better innovation, and increased business performance."

The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women at the high school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. Recipients of the award are selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for post-secondary education. The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing offers both national and local affiliate competitions to generate support and visibility for women's participation in communities nationwide.

By generating visibility for young women in their local communities, the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing encourages continued interest in computing, attracts the attention and support of educational and corporate institutions, and emphasizes the importance of women's participation in the field of information technology.

"I am a big believer that technology can change the world," said Neogi describing her experience in computing and technology. Neogi recently assembled a team and entered the Technology Global Technology Competition for Women.

"The task was to make an app to solve a problem in our community," said Neogi. "My team and I realized there was a big problem that not only affected all of us, but that we were all extremely passionate about - women's safety. According to numerous studies, 1 in 5 women will be sexually assaulted during her college years. The biggest problem was that there are few accessible preventative measures to help combat these issues beyond texting or calling. So we decided to create 'The Pack', a comprehensive safety mobile app intended for teenagers and young adults that addresses the problems of sexual assault, hazing, and substance abuse in unfamiliar situations.

"In my team of four, I was in charge of the programming, while others were in charge of marketing, designing, and data analysis. I'll admit that the task was intimidating; I knew little about what it took to code a mobile app. But throughout the process, I learned what it took to commit to a project."

The Pack allows users to create friendship circles that can be used on any occasion, whether it is a party, a concert, or an outing to the city. Friends can keep track of each other using our features, which include personalized check-ins, panic code words, tracking, custom friendship packs, BAC calculator, and a compass," said Neogi.

"Currently, we are working with our school to expand our app across mobile platforms and create a premium version. The Pack is available in the Google Play Store, but my team and I are in the process of developing the app on an iOS platform. We hope to implement our safety app across school for use at events such as class field trips or sporting events. Creating The Pack was a difficult but rewarding experience," said Neogi whose team placed second in Massachusetts in addition to being global semifinalists.

In addition, Neogi interned



Wilmington resident Nupur Neogi (left), a senior at Phillips Academy Andover recently won the NCWIT award.  
(courtesy photo)

at a startup company called Constant Therapy, which is building personalized iPad-based therapy for people with traumatic brain injuries and learning disabilities. The app was previously only targeted towards adults, and Neogi was in charge of leading a group project with the younger interns on building a new interface for children.

"We reached out to different institutions and collected data for children's therapy, as well as designed new therapy games for the app. I reached out to many students to volunteer in baseline testing for the app. The kid-friendly version of Constant Therapy is currently in the trial phase and we are working on partnering with children's therapists to use the app amongst their patients," said Neogi, the lead computer programmer on the project.

Neogi has been working as

the Community Service Coordinator for Destination Imagination, an organization that teaches STEM principles and innovation through creative problem solving challenges. Challenges range from fine arts, technical, improvisation, to service outreach. Through these challenges, students learn critical skills including teamwork, communication, creative thinking, and project management.

"I have been doing Destination Imagination since the second grade, and my team made it to the global finals when I was in eighth grade. Now, I am the team manager for two teams of 3rd graders. I help to teach them technical problem solving skills and creativity that they can apply to real life challenges. I also prepare the teams for the global Destination Imagination competition," said Neogi.

In addition to her many accomplishments, Neogi also volunteers in a program called Coding Circles, where she teaches young people the fundamentals of coding at the Boys & Girls Club in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Over the summer, Neogi took a 'Bioinformatics Inquiry Through Sequencing' class where she was able to combine both her love for biology and computer science into a research class. "I got to sequence the microbiome on my body and explore mutations through RNA splicing," said Neogi, "This class helped me realize that I want to use both technology and biology in the future. The human body is an amazing and complex structure of firing neurons and tirelessly working organs. Computer science is the powerful world where zeros and ones create artificial intelligence. The two of them together, it's the kind of knowledge I only dream of one day grasping."

"Whether that is through looking at synthetic insulin technology, fast diagnostic test, or prosthetic body part robotics, I hope to explore ways that I can help improve someone's overall quality of living through biology and technology. I am fascinated by the endless possibilities that biology and computer science hold. I believe the future lies in technology, and I want to discover the ways that both biology and technology can play a role in significantly bettering our future."

According to Neogi's proud parents Depankar and Nehali Neogi, Nupur will graduate Suma Cum Laude in the class of 2016, an honor reserved for the top ten percent of her graduating class. Nupur attended Wilmington Public Schools until 8th grade prior to winning the Edith Dewey Jones Scholarship to attend Phillips Academy for high school.

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Under a "restricted application," a retiree could collect a spousal benefit while his or her own benefits continued to increase. Certain older retirees are "grandfathered" in for these benefits; they must have reached 62 by January 1 of this year, and can collect those benefits once they reach full retirement age, even if that is several years off.

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## Mahoney bound for Winchester HS

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because we all want what is best for the kids in Wilmington."

Mahoney was selected from a field of 43 candidates for the position. The exhaustive process spanned months and included a site visit to the High School by the Winchester search committee.

"Mr. Mahoney was selected based on strong leadership and teaching experience and a commitment to students," Winchester Superintendent Judy Evans said. "His experience with building projects, school safety programs, and technology were also seen as a good fit for our needs."

In his six years, Mahoney counts helping to oversee the transition to the new High School and the implementation of the A.L.I.C.E. safety protocol as major achievements

in his career so far.

"He has been a leader in working to enhance our inclusive practices and supports for struggling learners," Wilmington Superintendent Mary DeLai said. "He demonstrates great empathy and passion for students. He has had a positive impact on the culture and climate of Winchester High School and is someone that I have relied on for guidance and advice as to how we can best support students, staff, and families in our district."

DeLai credits Mahoney for his active participation in the Superintendent's District Advisory Council, the Inclusion Task Force, and the District Safety Committee, as well as being an important member in Wilmington's own search committees as the district worked to fill key roles like Middle School Principal or Athletic Director.

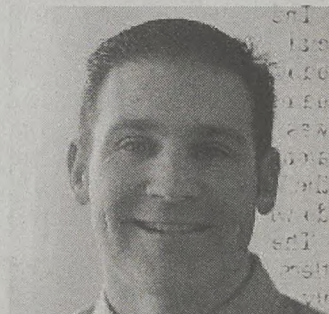
"I think I will spend my first year trying to build similar types of relationships with parents and students and faculty like I do in Wilmington," Mahoney said. "I'd like to translate that from Wilmington to Winchester."

Evans highlighted this relationship-building as a key factor of Mahoney's impending transition to office.

"The most important part of his entry will be his work to build collaborative, respectful relationships with students, parents, community members, and faculty members at Winchester High School," Evans said.

Mahoney and DeLai both expressed admiration and gratitude for what administrator and district have managed to accomplish together.

"We congratulate Dennis on his appointment to the Winchester High School



Principal position," DeLai said. "Our loss is certainly Winchester's gain. I have known since early on in my tenure here that Dennis aspired to a leadership position and he is certainly highly capable and deserving of this role. We will miss him greatly but we are happy that he will still be one of our Middlesex League regional partners."

"Wilmington has given me a lot, and I wouldn't have this opportunity if it wasn't for Wilmington," Mahoney said.



## Old Barrows' Farm

# Diner planned for Lowell Street Corner

BY LARZ F. NEILSON  
Editor Emeritus

Perry's Corner in Wilmington will soon see some major changes. Now known as Lucci's Corner, it was long known by the name of the blacksmith shop that stood on its southwest corner.

On that southwest corner, nearest the Textron plant, a restaurateur is proposing to build a diner and bar.

Until 60 years ago, the corner was part of a large farm owned by Herbert C. Barrows. He sold the property to Avco in 1956.

Herb and Nina Barrows lived on Woburn Street, about 60 yards south of Lowell Street. Their farmhouse was a saltbox dating from the very early 1700s, possibly from the 1690s.

The late Arthur T. Bond did a bit of research on the old house. He found that Joseph Winn Jr. in 1704 bought a woodlot with buildings thereon, for seven pounds in the "3rd division of woodlots," being bounded by the "Hundred Acre Path" to the easterly (the road to the Hundred Acre Meadow, Woburn Street); to the southwesterly by the "John Tidd Woodlot;" and westerly by the "Maple Meadow Cove."

Bond also found that the house site was sold in 1706 to Joseph Winn Jr. by John Tidd Sr. Tidd was a master carpenter, and may have built the house.

The house had a "hipped roof," the style common in the 17th Century. There was also an east wing, built by John Murray, a Civil War veteran.

Herb grew up in Reading, attended MIT and became a schoolteacher. In 1890, he



The Herb Barrows house on Woburn Street was in fine shape in 1940. It was in the background when Glenn Downs was photographed on his newly acquired tractor. The Downs had a farm where Lucci's Supermarket is today. Francis Downs is to the left of his father. This shot would be looking out the back driveway of the supermarket. Barrows owned about 70 acres, which was sold to Avco about 1957. The house and barn were later burned by an arsonist.

and his father bought the Jake Manning nursery in North Wilmington. Four years later, he bought the John W. Perry farm from Perry's widow's estate, paying \$700 for 100 acres.

Herb moved to Wilmington with his wife Flora and son Bobby. Flora died in 1907. Five years later, he married Nina Kincaid. Herb and Nina had two children, Herbert Jr. and Elsie, who married Howard Woolaver.

Herb listed his occupation as milk dealer in 1898. But he was an all-around farmer and contractor, teamster, cutting hay and firewood, raising milking cattle. He was known for his expertise with horses, and would use horses to cut his 40 acres of hay until he sold the farm to

Avco in 1956.

He became an agent for the International Harvester Co., before there were dealers for trucks and cars. He bought an "agent's truck," a 1923 International 3/4 ton stake truck. He also bought three complete sets of spare parts. The truck was still in use when he died in 1961. It is still in Wilmington to this day.

In his younger days, he would race horses on Sundays at Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield. A common tactic in horse racing in those days was for a driver to spit tobacco juice over his shoulder if another driver was approaching from the rear. Herb was known to engage in that tactic.



The home of Herb and Nina Barrows, at the time it was sold in 1964. Woburn Street is in the foreground.

## Wilmington Historical Event

# The Weld-Ames Connection

BY LARZ F. NEILSON  
Editor Emeritus

In 1803, the Thomas Weld family of Boston had a big surprise — a little surprise. They had hired a 16-year-old youth from Wilmington as a coachman. Several months later, it became evident that 11-year-old Harriet Weld was pregnant. In October 1803, she gave birth to a boy. Benjamin Eames was the father.

The Welds accepted financial responsibility for the baby. He was given the name William Ames and was sent to Wilmington, along with his father. But the Welds wanted nothing to do with the child, socially.

The Welds were early settlers in Boston, and the family owned much of the area around Forest Hills in Jamaica Plain and in Brookline, including the land which became the Arnold Arboretum. William Gordon Weld and his son, William Fletcher Weld became wealthy shipowners, although Harriet was not in that part of the family.

Benjamin Eames was born in Wilmington on Feb. 4, 1886 to Jonathan and Ruth Eames. In 1810, he married Hannah Burt. There are no children listed to the couple. They lived in the house at Woburn and Andover streets

known as the Fourth of July House, for it had been raised on July 4, 1776. Benjamin died in 1824 at age 37.

When William Ames reached adulthood, the Welds gave him a start in business in New York City. After a few years, he returned to Wilmington. He built a home at the corner of Middlesex Avenue and Clark Street. He conducted a grocery business, carrying "West India" goods, meaning that he ran a liquor store.

In 1827, he married Sarah Day of Wilmington. Family records show that there were six children born. The Kelley book of vital statistics for Wilmington only lists two, William, born 1835, and Harriet, born 1836. The book indicates that information came from their gravestones. Both had died in infancy.

The others, all girls, were possibly born elsewhere, maybe in New York. Sarah was the oldest, born on July 7, 1829. Maria was born in 1831, Mary in 1832 and Harriet II in 1838.

It is quite possible that the youngest child was named for her grandmother. The name does not appear in the Eames family, with one exception. In the Reading births, Phebe Eames gave birth to a baby girl in 1808. The father was Joseph

Eames, Benjamin's younger brother. The baby was named Harriet Weld Eames. Nobody else in Reading had the name Weld.

Sarah Ames died on August 11, 1863. A year later, William married Mary Ann Clark on Sept. 25, 1864. The record for that marriage lists Harriet as William's mother, no last name given. William Ames died on April 3, 1884. The age given was 80 years, six months.

The family and the story live on, and many descendants can be found in Wilmington families, but none under the name of Ames or Eames. Sarah Ames married Daniel Gowing, the last lock tender on the Middlesex Canal. Maria Ames married Charles M. Gowing. Mary Ames married Edward A. Carter, and Harriet Ames married Edward Swain.

The family story relates that when Harriet Weld died, three of her granddaughters went to the funeral. When they arrived, they were announced as the women from Wilmington, and were seated with the family.

Many years later, a descendant attempted to look up the birth in the Boston records, but a page had been torn from the record book.

Herb was a tough, wiry man. When he started teaching junior high school, a boy started acting up. Herb grabbed him, hauled him out the door and threw him down the stairs. The next day, someone from the school committee came to investigate. The class was absolutely quiet. In a Yankee twang, Herb said to the visitor, "There, you ever see a better bee-hayved bunch of bo-boys?"

Herb became a selectman, a constable, and a library trustee in Wilmington. In 1954, he was honored by the state for never missing a town meeting for 60 years.

About 1927, he established the Wilmington Finance Committee, to review the town budget and make recommendations at town meeting. He ran that committee for more than 25 years, and kept a very tight rein on expenditures.

In the 1950's, the town was in a tremendous growth phase. A new high school was built in 1950, with additions built in 1956 and 1959. The 1956 addition included an auditorium, and Herb went to town meeting with plans to oppose the expenditure. The building committee was a step ahead of him, though, and proposed to name the auditorium for him.

The Town Crier snapped a photo of him, sitting at the Finance Committee table in town meeting, reaching for his handkerchief.

In 1956, the state took most

of Barrows' North Wilmington Nursery for the construction of Route 93. That same year, Herb sold much of his farm to Avco, which built a large industrial complex. About a year later, he suffered a serious heart attack. After hospitalization, he went into a nursing home in Reading where he died in 1961.

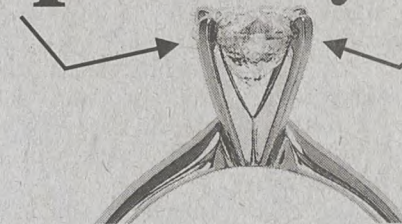
In 1973, Herb's son Bobby was killed in a horrific saw accident in his yard on the northerly side of Lowell Street.

In the mid-1960s, an arsonist hit many of the old homes and barn in

Wilmington. Especially vulnerable were homes that were vacant. In December 1964, Mrs. Barrows sold the house to Avco. The 260-year old farmhouse was burned on the afternoon of April 20, 1965. The attached barn was set afire and totally destroyed. Firefighters were able to save the structure of the house, but it was gutted beyond repair.

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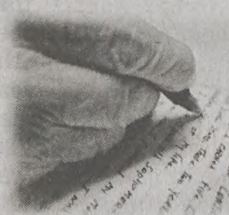
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## Letters to the editor

### Former team manager glad Redmen name is staying

Dear Editor:  
As a TMHS alum and former Redmen Football team manager & coach, I am happy that the school committee decided to keep the Redmen name.

Personally, I believe this debate should never have even taken place as it was well known that the local tribes have given us their blessing to use it.

If I could've made it, I would've attended the hearing and spoke.

One of the speakers at the hearing and on social media, Scott Ringwood, is someone I had worked with on the sidelines. And back then, he showed a tremendous

amount of pride in the Redmen, despite only being a manager. In fact, he showed the most pride I've ever seen! To learn that he still has that pride, even 20 years later and in this trying time for the Redmen, is very inspiring!

The football team has a "Senior Spirit Award" which I believe Scotty should have won back in '96, but they gave it to someone else instead. I hope the coaches read this letter and overturn that decision and finally give it to Scotty, who rightfully deserves it.

Sincerely, David Morin

### Todd Johnson says thank you

Dear Editor:  
I want to thank the 2,856 voters in Tewksbury who took time this past Saturday to participate in our local electoral process.

I am grateful to each of them for considering the many candidates in this election for various offices and especially for casting votes. Your participation is the lifeblood of our electoral process locally and our town government, and while it would be better if more than 13.5 percent of registered voters in town participated, those who did Saturday had an impact.

I also want to thank the many residents who I've met along the way for their spirited and interesting conversations with me. I enjoy the many interactions I have, and more importantly I consider your views while I tend to my duties as a selectman.

Voters placed their trust in me when times were very difficult a few years back. I've tried hard to honor that trust and feel that my own efforts have made a difference for our town. I am humbled that you saw fit to place your trust in me once again.

Finally, I want to thank those who once again actively supported my own candidacy for re-election again this year. I am grateful for your support and pledge to continue to work hard to address the many issues we address.

To those who voted for others, please know you have an open invitation to reach out to me at any time to discuss issues or concerns. I hope to earn your confidence in the next three years.

Sincerely, Todd Johnson

### Peterson will vote for Bendel

Dear Editor:  
It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of Greg Bendel in his candidacy for the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Wilmington. Greg and his wife, the former Andrea DePasquale, are lifelong Wilmington residents and have recently purchased a home in Wilmington.

I have known Greg personally for the last ten years, and I cannot speak highly enough about his integrity and his commitment to the Town of Wilmington.

As an elected member of the Shawshen Valley Regional Vocational School Committee for the past 21 years, I have had the pleasure of working with Greg in his capacities as a teacher and a coach. Greg Bendel is held in high esteem at Shawshen for his dedication to his work, and for the enthusiasm that he brings to the classroom, and the basketball court, on a daily basis.

Greg Bendel is the man that you want to be teaching and coaching your child. We are truly fortunate to have him as a teacher and a coach at Shawshen Tech. Greg Bendel's commitment

and enthusiasm also extend to his endeavors in the Town of Wilmington.

Greg is an active member of the Wilmington Knights of Columbus, and he was an enthusiastic member of the Wilmington 4.0 Campaign Committee to promote the new Wilmington High School. In addition, Greg runs several community basketball camps for children in Wilmington, and is very active in Local Heroes.

For the past five years, Greg has also demonstrated his commitment to the Town of Wilmington as a member of the Wilmington Housing Authority, having served as its Chairman in 2014.

In short, Greg Bendel is exactly what we should look for when choosing a candidate for the office of Selectmen. He is diligent, honest, hardworking and committed to representing each and everyone of us if elected.

Please join with me in voting for Greg Bendel on Saturday, April 23, 2016. I can assure you that it is a vote you will be proud of.

Sincerely, Robert G. Peterson, Sr.



Family and friends of the Contaloni family gather for a picture at the Third Annual "Smiles for Shane" comedy night hosted at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks club. Money raised will fund a scholarship in Shane's memory. (courtesy photo)

## Contaloni Family says "Thank You" to all

Dear Editor:  
Thank you to all who came to the Third Annual Smiles for Shane Comedy Night which was a HUGE success in raising money for the Shane Marshall Contaloni Memorial Scholarship.

We will be giving scholarships again this year to graduates from TMHS and with continued success in our fundraisers, hope to be able to do so for many years to come.

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations: Ellen Ward, Kim Donovan, Denise Miano and Paula Malfa, Rob and Kim Rosa, David and Dennis Turri (Grandview Cellars), Rose Ryan/Body Infusion, Amy Miller, Schumaker and Brincklow Families, David Marchant, Karen DeLong, Kathy Turri, Dave Martineau, Lisa Dooling, Patricia Winter, Sheila Laferriere, Bob and Nancy Grant, Dick's Sporting Goods; Also: Sheryl

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delivering the beautiful collage of SHANE DAY photos and several anonymous donations.

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We look forward to your 4th Annual fundraiser and wish the TMHS Class of 2016 much success in their years ahead.

With much love and appreciation, Tucker, Moe and TJ Contaloni

## O'Connell will vote for Bendel

Dear Editor:  
We have an opportunity on Saturday, April 23rd to elect a new and worthy candidate, Greg Bendel, to the Wilmington Board of Selectmen.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Greg as a person and a community volunteer for several years and it is my honor to call him my friend. Over the years, I have continued to observe Greg's dedication to his family, his friends and to the Town of Wilmington.

For as long as I can remember Greg has always had a willingness to support key initiatives and important projects for the betterment of our children, our schools and our community.

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to work with Greg and others as members of the WHS 4.0 Committee. It was a very positive experience working with this entire group of volunteers who were all committed to achieving the one most important goal of making a NEW Wilmington High School a reality.

This goal was achieved due to the overwhelming support of all Wilmington residents and due to the volunteer work of people like Greg.

Greg has a long history of impressive accomplishments both personally and professionally. He and his wife Andrea are both life-

long residents of Wilmington and they currently reside here today. As newlyweds, they have made the personal decision to establish roots here in town with the hopes of someday raising a family of their own.

Greg is a 2002 graduate of Shawshen Technical High School and has earned both an Associate's degree and a Bachelor's degree from The New England Institute of Art and UMass-Lowell respectively. Greg is currently finishing his Master's degree from Salem State University. Greg is currently a full time teacher at Shawshen Technical High School in his eighth year and is the Lead Teacher in the Computer Science Department.

Also, Greg is the Head Boys' Basketball Coach at Shawshen Tech and he and his players have enjoyed many winning seasons under his leadership.

In addition to his teaching and coaching, Greg volunteers his time working with many young student-athletes at clinics and camps every year.

With Greg's impressive resume along with his personal qualities and attributes, I believe Greg would make an ideal Selectman. Greg is intelligent, articulate, has strong interpersonal skills, is a team player, is

a great listener and has the courage and tenacity to take on the most complex issues and render informed decisions.

Greg would be a great asset to the Wilmington Board of Selectmen if elected and I know he would work hard to maintain and improve the quality of life

for all Wilmington residents to enjoy.

Please join me on Saturday, April 23rd in voting to elect a very deserving candidate, Greg Bendel, to the Wilmington Board of Selectmen.

Sincerely, Judith L. O'Connell

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All submissions must be accompanied by full name, address, and daytime contact information for verification purposes.

Letters must be e-mailed by noon (office@yourtowncrier.com) on Monday in order for consideration for the same week's edition.





Caroline and Pete Neilson (right) with two Danish cousins, about 100 years ago.

## Caroline Neilson, Swedish newspaper correspondent

BY LARZ F. NEILSON  
Editor Emeritus

When Capt. Larz Neilson started the Town Crier 60 years ago, he picked up one tradition from his mother.

Caroline Neilson was for 30 years a correspondent for Svea, a Swedish-American newspaper published in Worcester. Every Monday, she would sit down and write a column for the paper, based on visits and conversations with Swedes living in Wilmington, Woburn and Winchester. Her visits to the Swedish homes was often a social occasion, with coffee and treats.

Larz built the circulation of the Town Crier by going door to door. With Wilmington in a tremendous growth phase, he went to new homes to introduce the new residents to the Town Crier and to the town. And he would sell subscriptions. He continued this practice for some 30 years.

Karoline Sjöberg was born in Gothenburg, Sweden in 1885. She grew up in a city environment, with two sisters and one brother. Her older sister Amanda, and brother Daniel emigrated to the U.S. in 1899, settling in Quincy. Caroline followed in 1901. She moved to Braintree, then Lexington, and then to Woburn, where she met Peter Neilson, a Da-

nish stone mason. They were married in 1904, settling in North Woburn.

On Sundays, they would have dinner with the family of Peter's brother Christian, who lived on Chestnut Street in Wilmington, next to Hillside Way. Often, riding home in a horse-drawn wagon, they would both fall asleep. When the horse stopped, they knew they were home.

To supplement their income, they would occasionally take in boarders. At one point, two young Swedes were living with them. One of them, Axel, bought a watch to send home to his sweetheart. He carefully wrapped it, boxed it, tied it and was about to put it in the mailbox when his brother Carl noticed that Axel had put no name or address on the package. Caroline overheard their conversation in Swedish:

Carl: "You haven't got any name on that package."

Carl: "Do you think I want the postman to know who my girl is?"

Carl: "And what about the address?"

Carl: "I don't want the postman to know where she lives!"

The exchange continued, in repetitive and ever angrier language. Carl finally exclaimed, "How in the devil will the postman know whether to

deliver that package in Hell, or leave it just a little on this side of it?"

Caroline's brother headed west in 1903, for the St. Louis Exposition. He then continued on to San Francisco, where he found work as a waiter. After the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, his sisters heard from him once, as a patient in a hospital. They never heard from him again.

Christian Neilson bought a farm at Silver Lake in 1907, and five years later, Peter and Caroline built their home on Glen Road. It is a distinctive masonry home with a large fieldstone front porch.

Larz at the time was one year old. He was soon joined by a sister, Sylvia, 16 months his junior.

In January 1917, Caroline, in the late stages of pregnancy, went to Quincy to visit a friend. She took Sylvia with her, leaving Larz with Peter. A couple of days later, Peter and Larz took the train to Quincy. Caroline was not happy, wanting a few days of rest. It was well that Peter came, though, as Caroline began to feel labor pains. They hurried home on the train.

Nephew Eddie Neilson made a quick dash with horse and sleigh to get Esther Kruschwitz (Nichols), the public health nurse. On the way

back, the sleigh tipped over. Dr. Daniel Buzzell was summoned and on Feb. 1, Caroline gave birth to a girl, who was named Bernice Eugenia.

Throughout the early years of childhood, the children heard the story of how Bernice came into existence in Wilmington while her mother was in Quincy. Dr. Buzzell had found her behind Pop's barn, and had brought her to the house in his black bag. This was an exciting way to be born, and it would be years before the "facts" were questioned.

Pete read extensively, and in 1923, he was elected to the Board of Library Trustees and the School Committee.

In 1927, the Woburn-Winchester correspondent for Svea made off with some funds. The publisher turned to Caroline, who was quite active in the Swedish Lodge. For the next 30 years, she would write a weekly column about the Swedish residents of the area. She was not paid for the column, but received commissions on advertising and fees for subscriptions.

She also ran a Swedish gift shop in her living room. During the Christmas season, it became a beautiful showcase for Swedish Christmas crafts.

She continued this until 1957, when she moved to Florida.

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## \$1.7M roadway funding headed to towns

By SHERYL WALSH  
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TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON - Both Tewksbury and Wilmington will reap the rewards of the Commonwealth budget political process. Governor Charlie Baker has signed House Bill 4133 authorizing \$200 million in transportation funding for municipalities. The bill was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives and now heads to the Senate for approval. If it passes as written, Tewksbury will receive \$916,494 in funding and Wilmington \$769,096. Town officials are outlining plans for the money now.

"This is great news for Tewksbury because it means additional funding will soon be available to address the town's needs during the 2016 construction season," said State Representative Jim Lyons (R-Andover).

In Tewksbury, plans center around allocating the funds among five categories of roadway work as described by Brian Gilbert, Superintendent of DPW. The Drain System category involves catch basins, pipes, etc. that are transportation

related. Under Road Preventative Maintenance, Gilbert may address things like crack repair and overlay materials that maintain the surface now so it does not degrade. This would be separate from Reconstruction and Resurfacing which Gilbert says will use about \$500K of the \$916K. Funds may also be put towards Project Development (the engineering behind the projects) and Improvement Projects (for example, possibly changing road designs to improve intersections).

Gilbert says the Tewksbury funding amount is similar to the usual annual allotment. "The money is allocated to all the towns across the state," he explains. "It depends on the growth rate, additional streets, and even unemployment and employment figures. It is a very complex formula."

Wilmington's Public Works Director Michael Woods also reports the amount they are receiving is roughly the same they get almost every year. "It does vary," he says. "Sometimes there are good years and we get this amount. In a poor year, it may be postponed and we

get nothing."

Woods explains that even though the money is allocated by the Commonwealth as part of the state budget process, there is a role for the towns. "We do need to put in a formal request for what we need," he says. "If it's approved, we go forward."

The Wilmington DPW plans to put the money towards paving. If the funds are approved by the Senate, Woods hopes to begin the first wave of paving this spring. They are looking at the area by the high school, Church Street and Adams Street, as a possible starting point.

"We still have a bit to go recovering our roads from the winter season of 2014-2015" said Representative Jim Miceli (D-Wilmington) on the chamber floor. "But the passing of these funds will only help to continue recovering from the storm damage, as well as mitigating traffic, improving signage along 93 and 495, and fund a whole range of other planned transportation improvements."

The money comes from the Massachusetts Chapter 90 program which was estab-

lished in 1973 to support roadway projects and related work. The funds are raised by bond sales. Last year, the Senate only took two weeks to approve the annual Bill. The Senate process has already begun.

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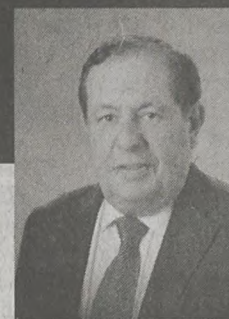
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## A small black ring, a silent salute

# Selectmen Cimaglia raises awareness on veteran suicide

By KRISTA BRESNAHAN  
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Wilmington — As long time Veteran's Agent for the Town of Wilmington, Selectmen member Louis Cimaglia had made a commitment to the welfare of resident veterans and their family members. Now, Cimaglia is bringing awareness to the issues facing all veterans through support of the charitable organization #22KILL.

#22KILL is a global movement created by veterans with a mission to "honor

those who serve," raising awareness of veteran suicide and mental health issues including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). The organization seeks to educate the public about current veteran-related topics and issues, recruit veteran advocates, and support various veteran empowerment programs.

Cimaglia wants to bring attention to the high incidence of these issues in order to save lives. "I think #22KILL is important because 22 suicides of veter-

ans a day is a lot," adding, "I think that it's probably higher than that, because not everywhere reports the death as a death of a veteran."

Honor Courage Commitment, Inc. (HCC) started #22KILL in 2013 after learning of the high number of veterans killed by suicide. HCC committed to researching and understanding the genesis of this epidemic, and educating the general public on the issue. In July of 2015, #22KILL officially became its own nonprofit organization, although they are legally separated from HCC,

both organizations continue to work closely together to continue the mission of awareness and empowerment.

One of the biggest challenges veterans face is finding a sense of purpose after service. #22KILL directly supports HCC's veteran empowerment programs that help veterans maximize their talents and understand their value outside of the military. #22KILL supports many other veteran empowerment programs as well, including Equest Hooves for Heroes, Brain Treatment Foundation,

Center for BrainHealth, REACT, and Adaptive Training Foundation.

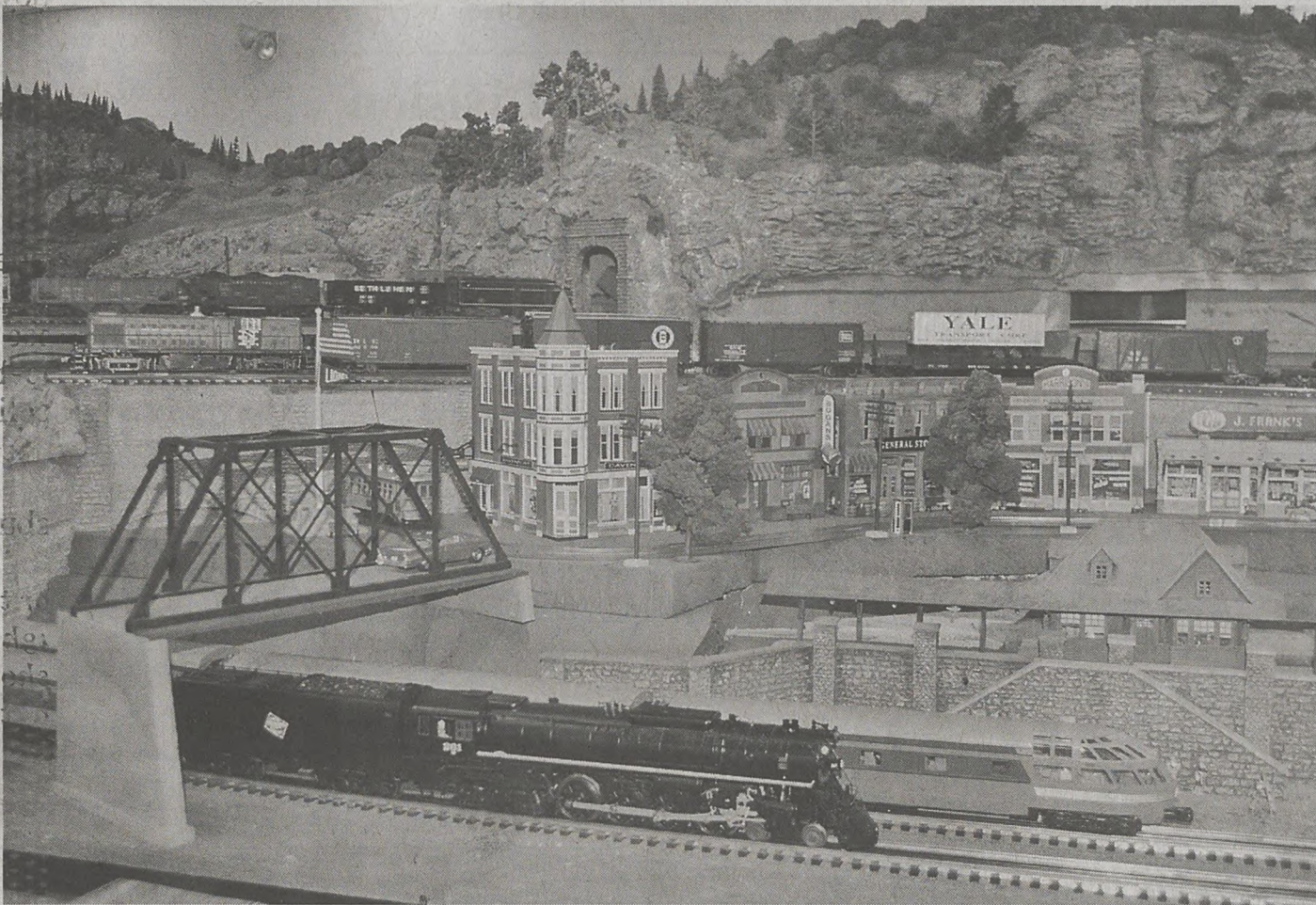
Cimaglia supports the efforts of #22KILL in many ways, but most visibly with a small symbol of his commitment to the cause—a small black ring placed conspicuously on his right hand.

Many supporters of #22KILL wear the black ring, called The Honor Ring™, on their index finger, both to spread awareness of the movement and as a silent salute to all veterans.

"I think it's important to put #22KILL out there, and

not to be afraid to ask questions about how people are doing and try to help them," said Cimaglia. "Wearing the black ring on your index finger, and explaining when people ask about it, is a good way to do that."

Those interested in more information about the organization can visit <http://www.22kill.com>, where you can purchase products, get involved with the organization, and donate to the cause. One hundred percent of all donations support programs and services for veterans and their families.



## The Boston Hi-Railers Club to host Open House in Wilmington on April 9

The Boston Hi-Railers Club will be having its open house on Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 am-4 pm located at 5 Waltham Street, Wilmington.

The club layout is the largest in Massachusetts and one of the largest in New England. The club has been working for five years on this layout. We continue making significant new developments on the layout. The Club has completed several additions to the layout and will be completing the City of Scranton, Pennsylvania, completing our coal mine layout and a time saver for toy titans and that allow freight cars to be moved around in a storage area that duplicates industrial locations on real trains, where businesses have to move things around for specific needs. This was a toy train innovation invented by John Allen, a toy train designer.

The big layout will feature some new engines. The main addition will be the Canadian Pacific Grain Train; a Lionel made train that is modeled after the real grain train. The grain train, with a Dash 9 engine, has numerous colored freight cars.

This train carried grain from the Canadian breadbasket provinces, often using mile long trains full of foodstuff to ports and depots for delivery around the world.

The Open House will have some historical trains that will be running also. Probably the most notable will be the Mercury, a Marx prewar New York central that operated in the Midwest. It was first developed during the depression era and offered hope to the depression conscious for the hope for better times. The train is gold and copper color and is one of the first streamlined railroad trains made.

Also on display will be the Pennsylvania GG1. This is an electricity run engine that is used where regular diesel or



steam locomotives are not ideal because of the pollution they create. The GG1 is the featured train in this year Lionel catalogue. The train will be pulling a set of Pennsylvania passenger cars. The observation car at the end of the train has historic significance in the it was used by President Kennedy and carried Robert Kennedy's casket from New York to Washington for burial.

The Club has also upgraded the children's layout by adding new buildings and adding switch tracks to some of the layouts. Children will have some new trains to operate on these layouts and new accessories in addition to those already there in previous open houses.

Also to be introduced will be a new program for children that are interested that will provide instruction on and experience with building layouts on their own.

This will be a family program and will be limited at first to six children accompanied by adults. The details will be available at the open house.

Dr Green, a club member will run this particular project. You will be able to get the detail on the club web page: [bmhrc.com](http://bmhrc.com).

The Lionel Collectors Club of America will be providing a train and several other train items at a free raffle that all attendees present can participate in.

The building the club leases will be going through a significant renovation after this train open house. This will include new lighting, more storage space for our trains, new bathrooms and a completely renovated kitchen that will make having lunch at the facility more inviting for future open houses.

Entrance fee remains the same, \$10 for families, \$5.00 for singles and children

younger than ten, free when accompanied by adults. Refreshments will be available but not included in the entrance fee.

Come and see our large variety of trains and let your children enjoy the children's layout. This will be an exciting day for all.

For any questions, feel free to contact: Bob Hilliard 781-944-1794 or Dr Green for the children's new building program at 781-944-8455.

## Harrison corner naming goes to vote at April 30th Town Meeting

By KRISTA BRESNAHAN  
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WILMINGTON — At the annual town meeting taking place April 30th at the Wilmington High School auditorium, voters will decide on renaming a corner of Church Street and Adams Street in honor of the late William R. Harrison, a decorated veteran and long time Wilmington resident.

"KIAs and MIAs have areas in town named for them," said Lou Cimaglia, a Wilmington Town Selectman, "but so far, none are named for veterans. A man who lives on Church Street, David Malone, also a veteran, wanted recognition for Harrison and I also think that it's important for veterans to have recognition."

According to his obituary, Harrison served in World War II as a member of the U.S. Navy Seabees Civil Engineer Corps, and was involved in the retaking of Guadalcanal, a military action that halted the Japanese march towards Australia. He was also involved in building Henderson Field for the Marine

aces, and saw combat action in air raids and island invasions throughout the Pacific.

As a civilian, Harrison was a master plumber who began his training at a young age in trade school, apprenticing in the plumbing business and attaining his journeyman's license. In 1955, he established his own plumbing business, and served as the plumbing inspector first in Reading for eight years, then in Wilmington for 43 years.

Harrison died in 2004 leaving behind his wife Barbara, their seven children, fifteen grandchildren, and one great grandchild. The site proposed to honor Harrison is located close to the home he shared with Barbara—a home in which she still lives. The location would feature a commemorative sign.

"I think it would be nice for the families of honorably discharged veterans to be able to look at some form of commemoration; for their kids, grandkids, and spouses to be able to look at and remember that they fought honorably for our country," said Cimaglia.

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# Teen job fair event to be held on April 20

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Teens interested in getting a job this summer or after school should make sure to attend WML's 2nd Annual Teen Job Fair. Learn about local job and volunteer opportunities for teens.

Meet representatives from community businesses and organizations and pick up applications. Representatives from McDonalds, Panera Bread, Dunkin Donuts, Market Basket and more will be coming to this year's Job Fair.

## Library Events

Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at [www.wilmingtonlibrary.org](http://www.wilmingtonlibrary.org) or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/Teen).

Please note we request registration for programs that are marked \*RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding support for library programs!

## Interview Prep \*RR

Monday, April 11, 10 am  
Are you nervous about interviewing? In this workshop you will learn effective strategies so that you will be prepared to make a great first impression, answer the hard-hitting questions effectively, and always stay in the running thought the application and interview process.



## Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

There will also be a short discussion on resume writing. Presented by Tom Falzareno, Business Development Manager for Tandem Labs.

## Intro to the Cloud (limit 12) \*RR

Tuesday, April 12, 2:30 pm/  
Wednesday, April 13, 7 pm  
Come learn about that mysterious Cloud. Technology Librarian, Brad McKenna, will discuss such cloud based technologies as email, file storage, music/movie streaming.

Tuesday Night Craft - Hand Lettering 102 (cost \$5, limit 12); Tuesday, April 12, 7 pm; Register at main desk.

Learn the craft of hand lettering! This spring, we'll focus on the art of drawing letters using different mediums and styles. Each class will build on techniques but can also stand alone so feel free to just take one class or the whole series!

We'll practice cheater calligraphy, brush lettering, and hand lettering before learning how to ink transfer our hand lettering to make a custom tote bag.

Gardens of Paris\*RR  
Thursday, April 14, 7 pm

Inspired by a three-week stay in the City of Light, this illustrated talk by Susan Gaylord takes you on a visual journey through seventeen public Paris gardens from the well-known Jardin du Luxembourg to small pocket parks and gardens, from the past—the medieval garden at the Cluny Museum—to the present—the Promenade Plantee created on a raised rail line in 1993.

You'll experience the beauty of the gardens and learn a little history along the way.

## Kids & Teen Events

Exploration Station \*RR  
Monday, April 11, 10 am  
Get ready for Earth Day as we learn about seeds, flowers, and how to take care of our environment. Ages 3-5

Week of the Young Child Art Show  
Monday, April 11-Saturday, April 16  
Artists' Reception  
Saturday, April 16, 11 am  
Artwork done by children who attend preschool or daycare in Wilmington will be on display.

Maker Monday:

## Paper Circuits \*RR

Monday, April 11, 3:45 pm  
Craft working electrical circuits with paint and paper. Grades 6-12.

## Read to Zoey \*RR

Monday, April 11, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Read to Zoey, the listening Labrador. Zoey is a great listener who loves to have kids of all ages read to her and improve their reading skills. Zoey has been certified as a therapy dog by the Pets & People Foundation. Please

call 978-694-2098 to sign up for a 15-minute session.

## Read to Zoey \*RR

Thursday, April 14, 4-5 pm  
Read to Zoey, the listening Labrador. Zoey is a great listener who loves to have kids of all ages read to her and improve their reading skills. Zoey has been certified as a therapy dog by the Pets & People Foundation. Please call 978-694-2098 to sign up for a 15-minute session.

## A Morning with Babymouse \*RR

Tuesday, April 19, 11 am  
Join us for a discussion of Camp Babymouse by Jennifer L. Holm. One lucky attendee will receive a copy of the newest Babymouse book, Babymouse Goes for the Gold! Grades 1-3.

## SAT Practice Test \*RR

Tuesday, April 19, 1-5:30 pm

Practice the new SAT for free! Organized through the Princeton Review, students take the entire 3 hour and 50 minute test allowing an extra 25 minutes for breaks, and then receive their scores via email. Grades 11-12

## Library Staff Picks

If you are looking for recommended reads, check out the library's Reader Resources page at [www.wilmingtonlibrary.org](http://www.wilmingtonlibrary.org). Here you will find some library staff picks. Lin Harris, Assistant Technical Services Librarian recommends My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout

A hospital stay creates the setting for a family reconciliation when Lucy's estranged mother comes to keep her company during her recovery. Family relationships are at the heart of this book - both from Lucy's growing up years and her love for her two young daughters and underlying marriage troubles. A tender and insightful mother-daughter story.

## Book Store Next Door Hours

The Friends of the Library Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesday and Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. Shop for gently used books at bargain prices. All proceeds benefit the Wilmington Memorial Library.

## Water and Sewer Division to start flushing program

On Tuesday, April 18, 2016 the Wilmington Water and Sewer Division will begin its annual water main flushing and valve exercising program. The flushing program will be conducted on Monday through Friday from 8:00 pm - 12:00 am. The program will take approximately eight weeks to complete.

Flushing the water mains aids in removing sediments that collect in the pipe line resulting in improved water

quality. Unfortunately, this work may temporarily cause some discolored water but should become clear after running your cold water for a few minutes. The water will remain safe to drink during this program.

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World flavors meet  
community outreach

# Lifestyle

## Boston Public Market brings farm to table year round

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While we wait for the local farmers' markets to get up and running this season, a new indoor market is now available to satisfy that craving for a bit of freshness. For anyone interested in locally grown, small-batch food items, the Boston Public Market is open all year 'round in downtown Boston. Offering a broad diversity of foods, wines, beverages and products, the Hanover Street building is easy to get to and sits right alongside the Rose Kennedy Greenway, next to the Government Center garage and a stone's throw from the North End.

The food market is an updated version of a bustling street arcade and is primarily a retail outpost for established, small food businesses in New England. In fact, some of the vendors got their start as food trucks in Boston and are now set up at the Public Market as a means to extend their reach and have a non-weather dependent location. Seasonal vegetables, farm-raised meats, locally caught seafood, artisanal cheeses, crusty breads and delightful chocolates and baked goods just invade your senses as you walk the aisles. It is worthwhile to wander around and scope out all of the vendors first before deciding what to buy and what to eat on site. Be sure to go there with an appetite.

The space is designed with bright colors and earthy materials in a minimalist way that complements the simple nature of the foods. Fine cured meats are hung alongside aromatic fruit vinegars, and maple bacon donuts scream out near pastel-hued "Peeps." Each vendor is happy to share their special message and dedication to quality, simple ingredients and craftsmanship. Samples are plentiful and disappear quickly as people stop, read about the foods, chat with the proprietors and con-

template a purchase.

Whether you have a craving for Vietnamese pho noodle soup, kale salad, falafel, or a corned beef Reuben sandwich, you won't be disappointed as your meal is prepared while you wait, and then gobble it down either sitting or standing in one of the casual eating areas. At current count there are more than thirty vendors with stations at the market-

place. Similar to Reading Terminal in Philadelphia or Union Market in Washington, DC, the Boston Public Market caters to the locavore crowd and those that are seeking a less commercial, more intimate connection with their food.

The Public Market is also performing outreach functions with an area called The Kitchen. Programming runs every day and

ranges from cooking demonstrations to healthy eating talks to gardening classes. The Kitchen space is managed by The Trustees of Reservations, a conservation land trust organization in Massachusetts. On the day we visited there were also information tables scattered around with groups such as WIC (Women, Infants and Children's Nutritional Services) and a meal delivery

service. The market is a great place to stop in for lunch or dinner, whether you make it your only destination or couple it with a visit to the Greenway, Faneuil Hall, or other downtown attractions. When you visit the market you will not only be supporting local businesses and family farming, but your taste buds and your belly will be very, very happy. [www.bostonpublicmarket.org](http://www.bostonpublicmarket.org).



TOP RIGHT: The guys from Stillman Farm, Gabriel Lefton, left, and Mark Jaquith. Stillman also offers their meat products at the Tewksbury Farmers Market. The TFM will run July-October on Town Common.

ABOVE: Fresh vegetables and herbs at the Boston Public Market.

(courtesy photos)

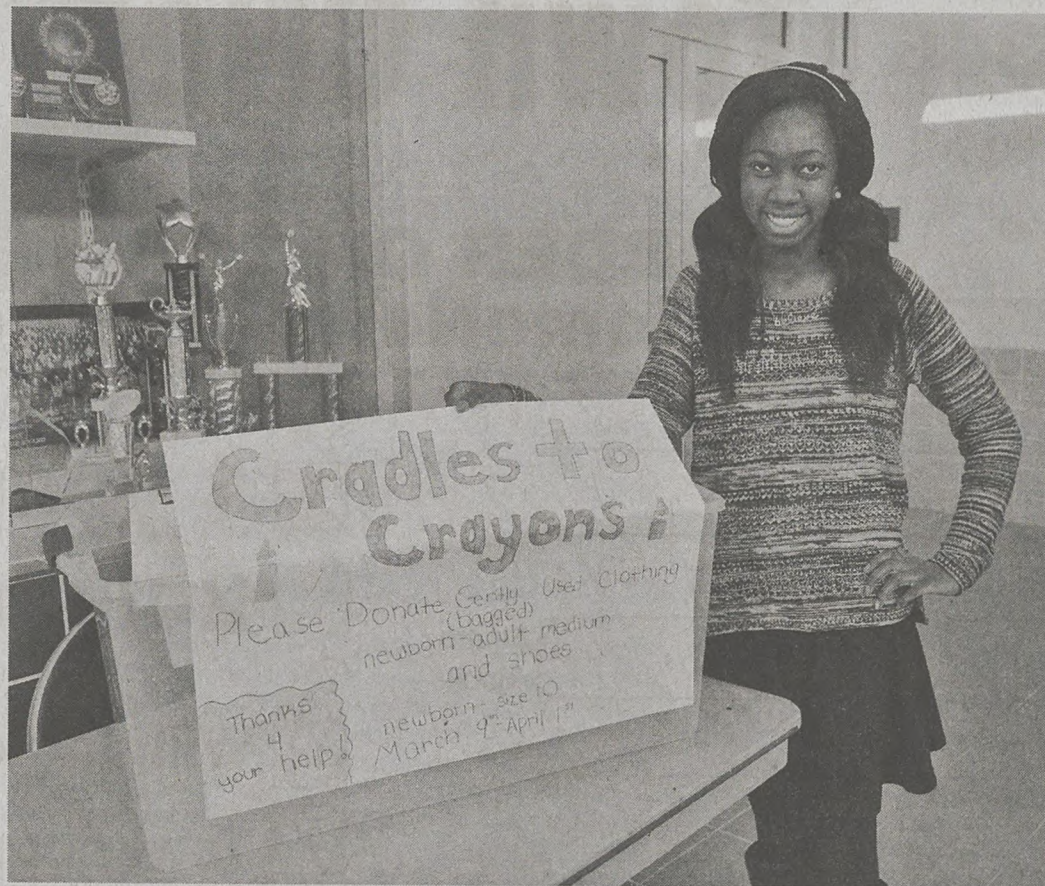
## Amaya Allen, Tewksbury's Project 351 Service Ambassador

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Amaya Allen, eighth grader at the John W. Wynn Middle School, has been chosen as Tewksbury's Project 351 Service Ambassador for 2016. One eighth grader from every city and town in Massachusetts participates each year in Project 351, a Massachusetts organization dedicated to celebrating youth leadership and promoting the ethic of service. It is a partnership between the state, business and community leaders. Announced by Wynn Guidance Counselor Jennifer Dwyer, Amaya was selected for her caring and commitment to others and her random acts of kindness. According to Dwyer, "Amaya is extremely devoted and does an amazing job inspiring and guiding others with her extensive community service."

An honor roll student, Amaya is also involved in the school's drama club and plays the piano. She is a member of the Student Council and has been a peer mentor in both seventh and



AMAYA ALLEN, Tewksbury's Project 351 Ambassador with a donation bin.

(Photo by JoeBrownPhotos.com)

eighth grades. Ms. Dwyer says, "Amaya shares announcements and pro-

motes positivity and kindness regarding our school's annual Pink Day, Autism

Awareness Day, and is an active member in the Friends of Wynn after

school club."

One of her outreach activities was organizing a group of students to visit Bayberry at Emerald Court to deliver holiday cheer to residents. The students played instruments, sang holiday songs, read holiday stories, and shared cards and homemade gifts. The December visit was such a hit that the staff has asked her to return with the group for another performance this spring.

In January, Amaya attended a day of service and celebration in Boston. This "Launch Day" unites the new class of ambassadors to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and promotes youth service. Students listened to Governor Charlie Baker, Congressman Seth Moulton, and WBZ Anchor Lisa Hughes. The event started at Faneuil Hall and capped off at the JFK Library. For her service experience that day, Amaya worked at the Greater Boston Food Bank where she and her group made "brown bags" of nonperishable items to deliver to senior residents. As it turns out, the bags were headed to

Tewksbury to help out seniors here...all 492 boxes worth!

When Amaya returned from her Project 351 conference she decided to promote a Cradles to Crayons drive in Tewksbury. She had collection bins at the Wynn School and at the Tewksbury Public Library. Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age twelve, living in homeless or low income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive. Additionally, Amaya has the distinction of being just one of two Project 351 Ambassador's chosen to participate in a public service announcement airing on WBZ-TV. WBZ is a sponsor of Project 351.

Ms. Dwyer concludes, "Amaya is an incredible young leader who will no doubt go extremely far with her efforts in reaching out to members of our community and beyond. We are so proud of all that she has contributed to our school and we are excited to see how she continues to help and encourage those around her!"





## Wilmington Police Log

# Mailboxes vandalized; MV collisions

**Monday, March 28th:**

9:15 a.m.: Luis Vidal Cobarruvias, 25, of 97 10th St. in Tewksbury was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

12:21 p.m.: Wellington DeOliveira, 42, of 47 Fruit St. Ext. in Milford was issued a summons for intimidating a witness and assault and battery to intimidate a witness after a female party stated she had a disturbance with him the previous week. He spoke very little English and was translated via Qwest Translation Services. She was working in the same building as him and felt that he was intimidating her.

3:45 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Lexus ES 300 and a Honda Civic. The cars sustained minor damage.

**Tuesday, March 29th:**

12:13 p.m.: A cement truck got tangled in overhead wires on Boutwell St. and knocked the cable wires down. A pole was also struck. The Boutwell school administrator confirmed that the phones were working properly. Verizon was notified.

2:22 p.m.: Elynn A. Trigo Lavandier, 36, of 33 Oakland Ave. in Methuen was issued a summons for larceny over \$250 and utterance of a false check at Bank of America on Main Street.

8:23 p.m.: A hit and run motor vehicle collision occurred by the Starbucks on Main Street involving a Chevrolet Silverado and a Honda Pilot.

**Wednesday, March 30th:**

9:08 a.m.: A caller reported a tractor trailer from a busi-

ness on Andover St. making excessive noise and using Fiorenza Dr. to park and make turns in, impeding traffic.

**Thursday, March 31st:**

9:12 a.m.: Sophat Phal, 27, of 772 Wilder St. in Lowell was issued a summons for operating after suspension and driving a vehicle not meeting RMV safety standards.

10:27 a.m.: Sarah Marie Wilson, 26, of 64 Colby Rd. in Danville, New Hampshire was issued a summons for three counts of larceny over \$250 from the Target on Ballardvale St.

1:10 p.m.: Keith Osgood, 26, of 8 Theresa Ave. in Billerica was arrested for not having an inspection sticker and a warrant for operating after suspension.

3:35 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Route 129 and 193 southbound Ramp 41 involving a Volkswagen Beetle and a Toyota RAV4. No one was injured in the collision.

**Friday, April 1st:**

11:27 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred by the RMV on Middlesex Ave. involving a Kia Rio and a Subaru Forester. One involved party denied having struck the vehicle. The damage turned out to be a minor scratch.

3:17 p.m.: An employee at Greg's Roast Beef on Main Street found an injured pigeon with an ankle tag. Police gave him the numbers for Wingmasters and Wilmington Wild Things.

5:08 p.m.: A caller reported a white male with glasses

inside a white van parked at the West Intermediate School on Carter Ln. The man was first seen at 3:30 by the caller's son at the after school program and was still there at 4:15 when the son was picked up. The man seemed to be watching the youths at recess. Police looked but could not find the man.

9:57 p.m.: A male and a female caused a disturbance at Cumberland Farms on Main Street after an employee refused to sell the man a cigar due to his lack of identification. The two proceeded to yell obscenities and kick the building's glass door. Police later found the parties at Speedway; they were advised that they were no longer welcome at Cumberland Farms. The employees at Cumberland Farms wanted a no trespass order, but the assistant manager believed it needed to be approved by the store manager, who was away

at the moment.

10:45 p.m.: Three teenagers vandalized mailboxes on Grove Ave. including those at 80, 77, 5, and 9 Grove Ave., knocking them off their posts. Police spoke to three juveniles and their parents at 119 Grove Ave. and went back to the caller, but the caller could not positively identify the juveniles.

**Saturday, April 2nd:**

7:55 a.m.: A mailbox on Main Street was knocked off its stand during the night. The mailbox was able to be reattached.

8:33 a.m.: A large rock weighing over 40 pounds was moved into a driveway on Lorin Ave. overnight.

8:52 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Middlesex Ave. and High St. involving a Ford Explorer and a Chevrolet

Silverado.

11:49 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of West St. and Westdale Ave. involving a Honda Odyssey and a Toyota Camry.

6:34 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred by the CVS on Main Street involving a Toyota Sienna and a Ford F-150. The airbags were deployed in the incident.

10:50 p.m.: Janiti Roman, 19, of 34 Brand Ave. was arrested for assault after an argument between her and another female employee at Sonic.

**Sunday, April 3rd:**

8:13 a.m.: A branch and several wires were found down across the roadway on Burlington Ave. and Harris St. The wires across the roadway were live and 1 Harris St. lost power. The Department of Public Works removed the

tree from the roadway and tied up the wire, but it was still reachable by passers-by, so the police remained on scene until Reading Light could address the issue.

8:48 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Harris St. and Burlington Ave. involving an Acura MDX and a Cadillac STS. The driver of the Acura was cited for marked lanes violation and no inspection sticker.

12:52 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Shawsheen Ave. and Aldrich Rd. involving a Honda Accord and a Jeep Cherokee. The airbags were deployed, but no one was injured in the collision. The driver of the Honda was cited for failure to use caution while stopping and no inspection sticker.

## Hair Cuttery raises money for Wilmington Educational Foundation

Hair Cuttery will celebrate the one year anniversary of its grand opening in Wilmington, MA by helping raise money and awareness for the Wilmington Educational Foundation. From April 10th-16th, Hair Cuttery will donate five percent of all proceeds to the charity. The salon is located at 206 Ballardvale Street in the Ballardvale Marketplace.

The Wilmington Educational Foundation is a non-profit that provides support to the Wilmington Public School System through fundraising efforts from various sources. Funds raised are used to award grants for innovative and cre-

ative programs that are not covered in the current year's school district budget.

"We are a family-owned business and feel it's important to serve as a community partner and support local charities and causes that impact our neighbors," said Dennis Ratner, founder and CEO of Hair Cuttery.

"As we celebrate our one year anniversary in Wilmington we look forward to partnering with the Wilmington Educational Foundation and continuing our support of the Wilmington community," said Ratner.

Hair Cuttery has an established legacy of charitable support. For the past 16 years, it has sponsored Share A Haircut, a national charitable campaign aimed at giving free back-to-school haircuts to children in need as well as haircuts for the homeless. Through partnerships with local social service agencies, Hair Cuttery has donated more than 125,000 haircuts in the last year and more than 950,000 haircuts since the program's inception in 1999. Hair Cuttery salons also support local charities and community causes through cut-a-thons and donations.

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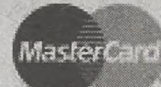
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# School Committee prioritize mental health, substance abuse

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a "collaborative effort."

In 2015 Hull formed a Coalition with membership drawn from the Wilmington Public Schools, the Police and Fire Departments, Public Health, Veterans, and Elderly Services, and a resident representative.

While in many ways inextricably linked, substance abuse and mental illness are two distinct issues, leaving the question to School Committee candidates: What is being done to address mental health in schools?

Broussard and Talbot agree that the issue of mental health is both school and town related. Broussard referenced School Superintendent's Behavioral Task Force, admonishing that in support of mental health initiatives, that children should "start young."

Efforts have been made. Back in September, 2015, Hull advised the Board of Selectmen that School DeLai submitted a Letter of Intent to Lahey Hospital and Medical Center seeking \$10,000 to fund an effort to educate staff, students, parents and residents about the

signs and symptoms of mental health disorders. If funded, \$6,000 would enable two members of the behavioral health staff and one member of the Board of Health staff to become certified Mental Health First Aid Instructors. Remaining funds would cover costs associated with a speaker series planned to take place during the grant period.

The Board of Selectmen signed a letter in support of the application for a Lahey Hospital and Medical Center's Mini Grant submitted by Superintendent of Schools Mary DeLai.

According to minutes of a February 6, 2014 Finance Committee meeting, Hull explained that efforts had been ongoing to determine how best to address mental health services. At that time, the Town was not getting what was needed from a prior arrangement with Wilmington Family Counseling.

At the same meeting, Director of Public Health Shelley Newhouse noted when asked what the largest public health problem is in our town, that prescription drug abuse and mental health issues are the big challenges.

It was recommended at that time that the Town consider employing the skills of a social worker to assist families struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues.

In addition \$25,000 will be set aside for the FY17 budget to fund the Social Emotional Learning Program Curriculum (SEL).

SEL involves the process through which students acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

Wilmington Public Schools has been using Second Step as its SEL curriculum, but only at the secondary level for the most part. A subcommittee of the Behavioral Health Task Force and the former School Climate and Culture Committee has been researching and evaluating social learning curriculum to implement PK-12 in the district.

Two programs are being evaluated for implementation in the early childhood

and primary grades, where Wilmington currently offers no cohesive or consistent SEL instruction. These include Responsive Classroom and Open Circle. The requested amount would be for the purchase of a complete SEL curriculum to be used as the basis of SEL instruction at the PK-5 grade levels.

Research shows that social emotional competence in students produce important outcomes in students including an 11 percent gain in academic achievement for those who receive SEL programming as compared to those that do not. In addition, a more recent 20 year retrospective study shows that, based on a social competence assessment administered to Kindergarten students, every one-point increase in social competence scores (based on a 5-point scale) meant that a student was twice as likely to attain a college degree in early adulthood, 54 percent more likely to earn a high school diploma, and 46 percent more likely to have a full-time job at the age of 25. For every one point decrease in a child's social competence score, a student had a

67 percent higher chance of having been arrested by early adulthood, 82 percent higher rate of marijuana usage, and 82 percent higher chance of being in or on a waiting list for public housing.

When asked about mental health, Broussard was first to answer. "The School Committee has talked about the Behavioral Health Task Force, and this is something that Superintendent DeLai implemented at the beginning of this past year," said Broussard, "Work has begun in earnest, and we recognize that you've got to start young and start with the education and the support, and yes, substance abuse and mental health is a two-fold issue. If we can support the mental health and support [students] going through our schools, hopefully they won't have substance abuse issues later on."

Referencing a recent School Committee meeting in which a young student spoke, Talbot said, "I was at the School Committee meeting where a young girl, Jess, told her story of depression, anxiety, and [thoughts of] suicide. [Mental health] is a

top priority. You've got to start as young as possible. It's a real major issue in our society today."

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

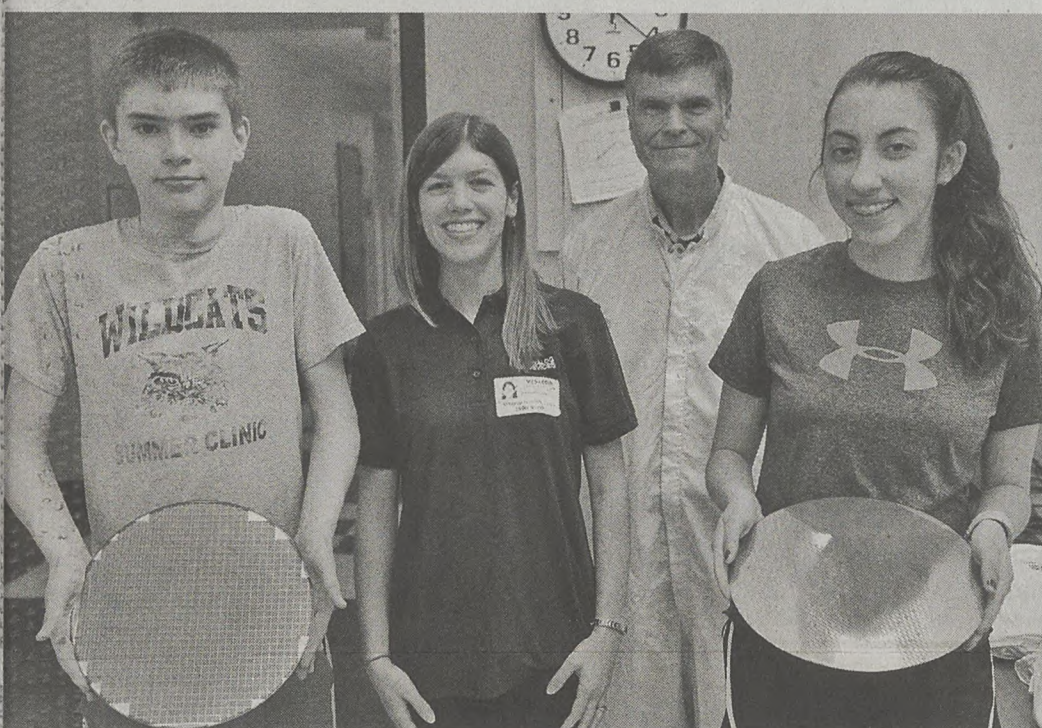
In 2009 the Town dedicated thousands of dollars to improving its school facilities with an emphasis on meeting the needs of the disabled population and increasing energy efficiencies in all buildings.

While the effort is laudable, many of the schools in Wilmington are over 50 years old, leaving residents to wonder what will become of these older buildings in light of a brand new high school. Also, the question of the Roman House still looms large.

Broussard and Talbot maintain that these are issues that need to be worked out with the town. "We will eagerly await the Town's Facility Master Plan," said Broussard.

The FMP aims to develop a long range plan to address future needs and aging schools and municipal buildings.

Other issues included later start times for schools, Common Core and special education.



Wilmington Middle School students (Ryan Forcina (far left) and Kiara Nadeau (far right) each hold a silicon wafer - a rare prize - that they each won at the Middle School Science Fair held last week. They were awarded the Silicon for their work achievement as Top Science Students at the school. Presenting are Analog Devices Scientists Jamie Nicolas (2nd from left) and Mick Mueck.

(Photo by JoeBrownPhotos.com)

## Julie Broussard seeking Re-Election to SC

Wilmington School Committee Secretary Julie Broussard thanks the community of Wilmington for trusting her service over the last three years and hopes to continue to represent the town with another three-year term if elected come April 23rd.

"It's been an honor to serve the children of Wilmington on the committee. Along with Superintendent DeLai, we have a great team of caring individuals supporting the Mission and Core Values of Wilmington Public Schools. While we have built momentum towards our strategic objectives and priorities, there is still work to be done.

"Through my efforts these past three years, I hope I have gained your trust and earned your support for another three years."



During her service, Broussard led the committee's search for a new Superintendent after Ms. DeLai's predecessor retired. She was part of the School Committee handbook revision team. She continues to chair the Superintendent

Evaluation subcommittee.

"For every policy discussion we have, every vote we take, every project we tackle, my responsibility is to the children of Wilmington. I believe public education should be inclusive, challenging, individualized, safe and supportive for our children. I am a voice for ALL Wilmington children."

Julie Broussard was first elected to the Wilmington School Committee in 2013 and is a representative to Wilmington Educational Foundation and the District Advisory Committee. She is a volunteer for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

Julie and her husband Tom made Wilmington their home in 1999. Their daughter Alyson is a seventh grader at Wilmington Middle School.

## WHS Class of 1976 to hold 40th Reunion on May 14

WHS Class of 1976 will celebrate its 40th Class Reunion on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the Tewksbury Elks. \$35 per person. Weather permitting, the party will begin with a cash bar, snacks, and outside games in "the Grove" at 4:00pm continuing inside at 6:00pm with a buffet dinner, dancing to favorite tunes, and raffle prizes. A special treat will be live music by "The Mockers".

For those classmates who have not yet received an invitation or if you know how to contact any of the following classmates (MIA), please contact Rosie Wallent 978-658-7376 or email: rosiewallent@hotmail.com

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A solid steel 6d nail is melted by the application of electricity as part of the Wilm Middle School Science Fair held recently at the school. Kids watch the demonstration trying not to miss the moment the nail liquifies and falls.

(Photo by JoeBrownPhotos.com)

## Wilmington Chamber hosts "Women in Business" networking event

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce will hold a "Women in Business After Hours Networking Event" Thursday, April 14th from 5:30 to 7:30pm at Dream Come True Parties, One

Church Street,

Wilmington, MA. The event will feature opportunities to market your business, build your network, and share ideas and inspiration. Bring

your business cards, colleagues, and friends, enjoy complimentary food, and build relationships with fellow Chamber members.

The event is free to attend, but participants

must register to secure their spot. For more information, contact Executive Director Nancy Vallee at 978-657-7211, or at wilmingtonchamber@verizon.net.

## Representative Gordon to host a Senior Housing Forum

Representative Kenneth Gordon (D-Bedford) will be hosting a forum on Housing Options for Seniors on Thursday, May 12th at 11 am at the Burlington Council on Aging.

Massachusetts Undersecretary of Housing and Community Development Chrystal Kornegay, Joint Committee on Elder Affairs Chairwoman Denise Garlick (D-Needham), and Joint Committee on Housing Chairman Kevin Honan (D-Brighton) will be joining the panel hosted by Representative Gordon.

The forum is designed to address the concerns facing seniors who seek to transi-

tion from the homes where they raised their families to smaller housing options. The delegation from the Administration and the Legislature will discuss the state's plan to assist these seniors as well as options currently available. The forum will also include input from municipal officials and private development.

All are welcome; especially residents of Rep. Gordon's 21st Middlesex District, which includes Bedford, Burlington, and precinct 3 in Wilmington. The event will be televised and recast on BCAT as a part of Representative's show, Rappin' With the Rep.

## Fitch named to President's List

On March 31, 2016 Lauren Fitch of Wilmington, was awarded a place on the President's List for Academics from Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

This would be a significant academic accomplishment at any college or university, however the heavy course loads and other additional demands placed on the MMA students is the mark of a truly outstanding scholar.

In order to be named to the

President's list a student must achieve a GPA of 3.7 or better. Lauren is studying Energy Systems Engineering at MMA.

Located on Cape Cod, at the mouth of the scenic Cape Cod Canal, Massachusetts Maritime Academy is a fully accredited, four year, co-educational state university offering Bachelor and Master of Science degrees that are highly regarded in the worldwide maritime industry and beyond.

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## Suspect apprehended at Shawsheen Elementary School

## No Injuries in high speed chase through Woburn, Wilmington

By JAMIE HAGGERTY  
Times Chronicle

WILMINGTON/WOBBURN - The two men arrested in Wednesday morning's wild car chase through Wilmington into Woburn and Burlington before going back to Wilmington have been identified by State Police.

One fled the car in North Woburn and was arrested following a short foot chase in an area near the Woburn Racquet Club while the other was arrested after being stopped in the parking lot of the Shawsheen Elementary School in Wilmington.

Listed as arrested was the passenger who jumped out in Woburn, Odain Mark, 20, of Hyde Park.

Also arrested in Wilmington was the driver of the Jeep Cherokee, Keith Jones, 23, of Boston.

According to State Police, around 10 a.m., Wednesday, Lawrence Police attempted to stop the Jeep Cherokee as part of what was termed an on-going investigation.

The Cherokee's driver refused to stop and fled,



State Police tow away an SUV involved in a high speed chase through the towns of Lawrence, Wilmington, Woburn, and Burlington. Two suspects were apprehended in the chase.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)

eventually traveling onto Route 495 southbound, according to State Police.

State troopers from Troop A, Troop H and the Division of Investigative Services, joined the pursuit of the suspect vehicle as it continued onto Route 93 southbound,

Route 128 southbound and then onto Route 38 in Woburn.

After he jumped from the vehicle in North Woburn, State Police said they located Mark inside the Woburn Racquet Club on Webster Street. He was placed under

arrest on an outstanding warrant for resisting arrest and various motor vehicle charges.

Mark was transported to the State Police Barracks in Danvers for booking.

At this time Mark is still undergoing the booking

process at the barracks.

He will be arraigned at Woburn District Court but it has not yet been determined if that will occur today.

A short time later, Wilmington Police located Jones in the parking lot of the Shawsheen Elementary School and arrested Jones who is also expected to face charges related to the pursuit and other motor vehicle violations.

State Police were assisted on scene by Lawrence, Wilmington and Woburn Police.

During the search a State Police dog, Dakota, suffered a minor leg injury.

Dakota, a shepherd, is expected to be fine, but his condition will be monitored as a precaution.

According to Wilmington Police, they observed the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Chestnut Street before pulling into the Shawsheen Elementary School where Jones reportedly tried to flee the vehicle.

The suspect, Wilmington police said, was quickly taken into custody by officers from Wilmington,

Tewksbury and State Police in the school parking lot.

The Shawsheen Elementary School in Wilmington, as well as the Linscott-Rumford and Alatavesta Elementary Schools in Woburn and the Marshall Simonds Middle School and the Memorial Elementary School in Burlington, were placed in lock-down or shelter-in-place, until the two arrests were confirmed.

Wednesday morning, Woburn Police Chief Robert Ferullo said his officers assisted State Police and federal authorities in the arrest of a suspect who jumped out of the vehicle in the Webster Avenue area of North Woburn.

The second suspect was arrested a short time later in Wilmington.

Schools were taken off alert shortly after both arrests were confirmed shortly after 11 a.m., Tuesday.

Belynda Cianci contributed to this report.



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## A bill honoring the fallen, currently serving and retired first responders takes next step

A bill honoring the fallen, currently serving, and retired first responders proposed by Tewksbury resident Jerry Selissen and drafted by Representative Miceli has now taken its next step to becoming law.

The legislation, submitted during the current session in the House of Representatives, had cleared its final committee and has now been passed to the Massachusetts State Senate for approval, before heading to the Governor.

The bill would seek to declare a date of remembrance of fallen police, firefighters, and first responders by gubernatorial decree, and for towns, state facilities, and citizens alike to take pause in remembering those who died safeguarding their communities.

"Jerry approached me at the beginning of this legislative session, curious to why there was no day of remembrance for our police, firefighters, EMTs, and the like. We rightfully honor the veterans and service-members, and we rightfully honor our

Presidents and other public servants, but we had forgotten about the men and women who put on fire, police, and EMT uniforms to serve us every day in our communities," said Representative Miceli.

"To us this wasn't right, especially after the tragedy of the Marathon bombing, so after Jerry and I discussed the oversight we felt it was the right time to correct that situation. I hope this day does justice to remember all those who have fallen in the line of duty, such as Wilmington's own son Sean Collier, who chose to take a tremendous risk each day so that we may live in a peaceful, stable community without fear."

The bill, drafted initially as House Bill 2791, has since been redrafted to H4161 and declares the Sunday preceding the third Monday in April as First Responder's Day. H2791 received popular support among the House of Representatives when offered by Representative Miceli, and enjoyed bi-parti-

san backing including that of Representative James Arciero, Representative Marcos A. Devers, Representative Diana DiZoglio, Representative Rady Mom, Representative Donald Wong, and Senator Barbara L'Italien.

Tewksbury resident and co-drafter of the bill Jerry Selissen offered his thoughts on the bills discharge stating "My thought process was simply to honor what the first responders do for the communities they work in, both in and out of uniform, which I saw through my father-in-law during his time at the Boston Fire Department and my time as a former (Tewksbury) Selectman.

"I saw what happened on 9/11, during the marathon bombing, at the San Bernadino shooting, and I think its time for us to pay respect to those who run towards the chaos and sometimes don't make it home; it's a long over due holiday to pay our respects to them and I hope to see it pass soon."

## 'Bernie's Wish' event set for April 29

On Friday, April 29th at 7:00 pm at Kitty's Restaurant in North Reading, a fundraising event called 'Bernie's Wish' will be held for lifelong Wilmington resident Bernie McNally.

Bernie, is a 1984 WHS graduate who taught CCD at St. Dorothy's for over 20 years and for the same duration worked summers for the Wilmington Recreation Department. Bernie currently teaches sixth grade Social Studies and English at the Timony School in Methuen. Bernie has been

diagnosed with terminal brain cancer.

While Bernie was receiving treatment and fighting his disease his brother Patrick passed away suddenly, leaving sons Patrick and Seamus. Bernie has assumed the role of father for the boys.

Bernie's primary concern throughout his ordeal has been his nephews and their well being. Bernie's wish is that with all the loss his nephews have endured that they are able to remain in their home. Proceeds from this event will help make

Bernie's wish possible.

Tickets are \$20 prior to the event and \$25 at the door. Pizza and salad will be served. If you are able to donate a raffle item or gift basket please contact Lynn Ferrazzani at 978-340-210 or email lferrazzani@verizon.net. Please know that no donation is too small. Every contribution helps and is appreciated enormously.

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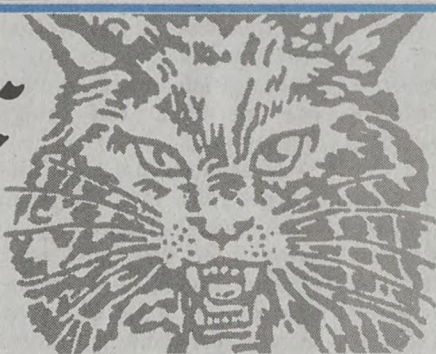
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## New fresh start for Girls Lacrosse Program

### Optimism surrounds Lady 'Cats

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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WILMINGTON -- Last season may very well be one that the players of the Wilmington High Girls Lacrosse team would like to forget. The Wildcats struggled to a 3-13 record, failing to qualify for the post season, the seventh time in the eight season history of the girls program at Wilmington High in which they have failed to qualify.

Despite their subpar record last season, new Wildcats coach Ashley Kelley feels that there is plenty of reason for optimism heading into this season. With many players who gained valuable experience last season returning to the fold, the former Wildcat player and 2010 WHS graduate sees no reason why her team can't make a dramatic improvement in this year's campaign.

"We have a ton of kids who came back and we really did



The WHS Girls Lacrosse team is under the direction of new head coach and former player Ashley Kelley. She will look to leadership from her captains including from left, Moesha Beray, Ashley Warren and Siobhan Scanlon.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

not lose much off of last year's team," Kelley said.

"We also have the biggest class of freshmen I have

seen come out for the team with seventeen trying out

this season. I am so happy to see so many kids come out for the team."

While it would be a big jump from three wins to the .500 record required to qualify for the post season, Kelley, who was the Wildcats JV coach and assistant varsity coach last season, is more than confident that her new team can make that jump.

"I think this is easily a tournament team. The most important they need to do is believe in themselves," Kelley said. "They have talent. I just think they have gotten used to losing. They have the talent to get there. They can make it as far as they want to go. They just have to want it and believe they can do it."

Much of Kelley's confidence stems from the 13 seniors that dominate the Wildcats roster. The experience starts with the team's senior tri-captains where attacks Ashley Warren and Siobhan Scanlon along with midfielder Moesha Beray will lead the Wildcats both on and off the field.

"Ashley has great talent up

Former player Kelley takes over as program's fourth coach

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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Ashley Kelley is quite familiar with the Girls Lacrosse program at Wilmington High, having been a four year starter for the Wildcats until her graduation in 2010, starting with the team when the program was still in its infancy, playing as just a JV program before helping the program transition to the varsity level.

She is also very familiar with the fact that the Wildcats have not done a lot of winning during their program history, having compiled a 27-95-3 record in its eight years as a varsity program, including a 3-13 mark last season when Kelley was an assistant to coach Sarah Simpson while also serving as the Wildcats JV coach.

But Kelley is not concerned about the history of the program. As she begins her first season as head coach of the Wildcats varsity program this season, all she is concerned with at the moment is writing her own bit of history, and doing her best to turn the program around under her leadership.

"It is great being here now," Kelley said. "I just want to flip this program around and turn us into a winning program. I want to teach the kids the fundamentals of the game and see them continue to grow as players. My main goal for this year is to help them learn as much as they can. I want them to learn the same things I learned as a player."

Kelley of course will be doing some learning of her own this season in her first season as head coach, but she also does not head into the season totally inexperienced, having run the JV program last season while also learning from Simpson at the varsity level.

"It was kind of strange at first last year transitioning from being a player all my life to coaching, especially at such a young age," Kelley said. "But I kind of took what I had learned from playing lacrosse combined with what I was learning from Sarah and that was a big help and I think it will be big help this season as well."



The WHS Boys Lacrosse team will be led by tri-captains from left, Sam Jennings, Charlie Mingella and Mike Germano.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

### WHS Boys Lacrosse Preview

## Sticking to a winning plan

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WILMINGTON -- Heading into last season, expectations were high for the Wilmington High Boys Lacrosse team. With a senior laden team just one year removed from winning a Middlesex League title as sophomores, the Wildcats looked poised to return to

prominence and reclaim their spot at or near the top of the league.

It was not to be however, as inconsistent play, along with injuries to some key players proved to be a lethal combination and the Wildcats struggled to a 3-13 record, coming nowhere close to the high standard that coach Fran Peters and his team had set for themselves.

Which brings us to this season, which the Wildcats will enter having lost 13 seniors to graduation off of last year's squad. Expectations are not nearly as high this season with such heavy losses, but Peters, now entering his third season as head coach of the Wildcats, feel that his team might be able

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## New format for Chicks with Sticks event

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STONEHAM- The Chicks With Sticks are back, and this year's game promises to be the biggest yet.

Or should we say, "games". Yes, this year, the annual charity game will boast

three contests for the price of one. Due to the sheer number of enthusiastic women lining up to play, the game has been expanded to include four teams instead of two, and the ladies will play three games, with the winners of the first two meeting for a final champi-

onship game.

The games are set to go off on Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Stoneham Arena. Playing each other will be the Dekem Divas (sponsored by Wilmington True Value), Blades of Steel (sponsored

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Town Crier sits down to discuss his plans

# Meet Wilmington High's Fifth Athletic Director, Tim Alberts

By JAMIE POTE  
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WILMINGTON - On Wednesday, March 16th, Superintendent of Schools Mary DeLai announced before the Wilmington School Committee that Tim Alberts would be the next Athletic Director at Wilmington High School, pending contract negotiations which would expire on/around April 1. Alberts gave a verbal acceptance to DeLai on the morning of March 16th and just this past Friday it was announced that he reached a contract agreement with the Wilmington School System and he will officially take over the reigns on July 1st.

Alberts will become the school's fifth AD. Larry Cushing Sr. served from 1951-1977. James Martin took over but held the job for nine months before he was forced to resign in March of 1979. Jim Gillis, who lost out to Martin less than a year before, was named the AD and he served from June of 1979 to January of 2004. That's when Ed Harrison came on and he officially served from January of 2004 and will retire at the end of June.

Alberts, 36, has served as the Athletic Director at Matignon High School for the past three years, overseeing 22 varsity programs and a budget of \$400,000. Before that he worked in the Alumni Relations Department at Boston College High School, as well as five years in the business world.

He is originally from Winchester, attended BC High and played soccer and lacrosse before going off on an academic scholarship to Marquette University to earn a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, as well as being a member of the club lacrosse team.

He then received his Master's Degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in educational, school and counseling psychology with an emphasis in counseling psychology and a focus in sport/coaching and positive psychology.

Today, Tim and his wife Erin (McCue) reside in Reading Mass., with their twin boys, William and Samuel, who are kindergarten students in the Reading School system. Erin attended Woburn High School and participated on the swim and track teams.

Tim's older siblings JJ and Alison also attended Marquette University. JJ was a scholarship soccer player and currently works for the New England Patriots in the on-line advertising department. Alison is a teacher in the Reading Public School system and has a daughter who is a three-sport athlete at Winchester High School, where Tim's parents, John and Mary presently live.

The Town Crier sat down with Tim Alberts for an extensive interview on a wide range of topics.

What did you think of the interview process?

It was an unbelievable process. I really liked how Superintendent DeLai involved students, faculty and staff, coaches and people of the Wilmington community. I think that's important to have a voice and getting feedback from the constituent groups. This was really nice. Some processes that I heard of were close (to the public), so it was nice to have the whole community invited to give feedback.

You were a finalist for the Athletic Director's position at Acton-Boxboro (last year), so how do you compare the processes between the two schools?

With Acton-Boxboro, I don't believe they had a feed back for folks to submit. That was something that was really nice that Superintendent (Mary) DeLai and Principal (Linda) Peters went over (here) as there were feedback forms

which I believe was part of their decision.

What attracted you to Wilmington and this position?

It's an amazing town and community. It's an unbelievable school (with unbelievable) facilities. It's a level-one academic school which is extremely important to me. It's also three-and-a-half miles away from my home. I work a lot. (Thursday, March 17th) we had a half of a day (at Matignon) as it was Holy Day and I worked fourteen hours. I like doing it. I think it'll be even easier (at Wilmington) with the shorter commute.

And certainly the Middlesex League is a great league. I grew up in a Middlesex League town, so I know all about all of the storied programs and the history of these towns and I know Mr. Harrison was able to lead the way of getting Wilmington into the Middlesex League. Coming in after Ed Harrison is a big deal too. He's done a really good job. Certainly that makes it an attractive spot to follow behind a Hall of Fame AD if you will, rather than a program that wasn't in good shape. That wouldn't be an attractive option for me.

By applying at Acton-Boxboro and now getting the job here, were you trying to leave Matignon and go to a higher level competitive athletic program?

Matignon is great. The students, the coaches, the principal and the headmaster are all unbelievable. It's an opportunity that you want to get into, a public school system. With the new high school, it made it more attractive (to come here). I love Matignon but long term for my family, getting into a public school system is a better option. Plus I wanted the challenge of operating a larger athletic program as well.

Certainly I was close (to getting the position) with Acton-Boxboro. They hired an internal (candidate with Steve Martin) and he's obviously doing a good job there. I'm a believer that everything happens for a reason. Not to talk about Acton-Boxboro, but if I have the choice between the two, I would take Wilmington. It's exciting to be here.

What do you like about the WHS Athletic Program, and what are your concerns?

I love watching the teams compete. Matignon and Wilmington have played each other in boys hockey. The student-athletes (here at Wilmington) seem really hard working, dedicated and you can sense a lot of school pride from the kids who wear a Wilmington jersey. Just being in the Middlesex League is huge and the new facilities are (a) huge (factor). You want to take (the program) over and improve it as much as you can and I would like to think that I did that at Matignon. Mr. Harrison has done an unbelievable job. But if I'm not trying to improve it, than I'm not doing my job.

I would like to meet all of the coaches and see all of the teams. I won't come in with a negative impression on anything until I see on my own. I know there's an opening for boys basketball [and now volleyball] so those are two important decisions to be made. I haven't talked to either Superintendent DeLai or Principal Peters about any of that but I would love to be involved and be as active as I can in trying to get the best coach possible [for those two positions].

I'm also teaching at Endicott College in their Athletic Administration Graduate On-Line Program. It's part-time and I love to teach. It's also a great network to get to know potential and wonderful new coaches, taking time to improve their career development and those are the kinds of coaches I want. It should be a good resource that I'll take advantage of in terms of

Wilmington.

How are you going to evaluate coaches and what's your process with the hiring and firing?

I'd like to see what's been going on much more in-depth. I have an evaluation process that I do. It's not something that coaches should be scared of. I like to be evaluated (myself) and I like to get feedback whether it's from my principal, my headmaster or my coaches. I'm always asking what can I do to make your job easier and to support you. So this shouldn't be looked at as a negative thing but it's important. It'll give the coaches an opportunity to see what they have been doing that has been working and then see some areas in which I can try to help them and steer them in the right direction.

Coming in and taking a look at all of the work the coaches have been doing, pointing them in the right direction will only improve the student-athletes. Certainly I don't come out looking to get rid of somebody (right away) but if it's not in the best interest to the students, than I'm not doing my job.

In one of my letters of recommendation, my headmaster mentioned that I wasn't afraid to take on the tough decisions and I wasn't there to take the easy way out. Certainly, (if the decision came to get rid of a coach) I'd like to do it in a respectful and an appropriate manner. But at the end of the day, it's always about what it's in the best interest of the student-athletes is what needs to be done.

Are you familiar with any of the current WHS coaches?

Not really. I have come across their paths a little bit, but mostly I've been reading up on them. I think that's good though because I won't come in with any unbiased feelings towards any of them or their programs.

Have you had conversations with Ed Harrison?

I gave Superintendent DeLai my verbal acceptance Wednesday morning and she announced it to the School Committee Wednesday night. Ed called me right after the school committee meeting and that meant a lot to me. I didn't know who was calling me and I just picked up the phone. We had a nice conversation and next week is the Athletic Director's Conference down on the Cape, so I'm sure we'll catch up. I'd be crazy not to talk to him and pick his brain. I always want to learn and I'm sure we will sit down.

I'm not sure what his plans are moving forward but he's certainly someone who has done a great job and someone I want to learn from as well.

Some of the ongoing concerns that are currently going on at WHS you won't have answers to right now, but are you aware of the ice rink problems at Ristuccia Arena, the high school turf field scheduling problems for example?

I am aware of those things and I have a lot of experience working through those kinds of issues. Matignon plays all of its home boys and girls hockey games at Stoneham Arena. It's been that way for over forty years.

A few years ago we were told by the town that we were not being invited back. We were excellent tenants, we were very respectful and the coaches made sure the locker rooms were cleaner than what they were when they got there. We paid our bills on time and the games always went smoothly. But we got involved in the mix of some local politics so we were without a home for a couple of months. We were calling around everywhere trying to figure it out and luckily we had a group that went to the town council and we all made our cases. Certainly I spoke up and then Stoneham residents and parents and the guys from

the Stoneham Rink said that Matignon has been great since day one. Luckily we got our ice back and things worked out.

I've been on that side (and it's not fun), but I'd like to think that I know how to properly sit down and work through issues so everyone can come to a better agreement where the kids can use the ice and the same thing with the fields. We are an urban school (at Matignon) and we are not fortunate to have fields on campus. I have 22 programs and I have to work with officials in the city of Cambridge, Somerville and Medford and luckily their AD's are great neighbors and are willing to help out, but I have had to go through those channels and divide up the space as equally as I can.

What are your thoughts on continuing the trend here at WHS of not having user's fees?

Certainly that would be something that I'd like to keep the same. If it means more work for me to figure out ways to help programs, then I'm willing to do that. We have user's fees at Matignon. They were there before I got there. It's \$200 per kid/per season but it maxes out at \$200 so if you had siblings play two sports in one season, it would max out at \$200. Certainly we would work to get kids who weren't able to make it the chance to still play. We worked together on that.

What are your thoughts on adding possible varsity athletic programs?

If there is a need to add (additional varsity programs) I'd love to make it happen. You have to be creative with the schools that you would need to partner with. The Co-Op would have to get approved by your league first and it gets a little more complicated if you go outside of your league. If other schools already have the numbers (to field varsity programs) then the MIAA would not allow it. You would have to get two or three schools that are on their own to create one team and the co-operative program makes that allowable for teams to join together and allow student-athletes another option. Certainly I would look at those things but there's budgets you have to be mindful of.

WHS Coaches are not paid as well as many other towns and this is more of an union issue and it's out of an athletic director's control, but are you aware of this?

If it's out of my control, I'm going to do the best with what I have. Believe me I imagine the Wilmington coaches are making a lot more money than the Matignon coaches. You would like to think that good coaches are not doing it for the money and they do it for an opportunity to work with student-athletes.

Where I think I would add benefit is that I would completely support my coaches and help them make the decisions that we think are the best decisions to make. I'd like to think that I'm easy to work with and a lot of the coaches from Matignon were supporting me (about getting the position here at WHS) and that was wonderful to see. I'd like to think all of the coaches there feel that way (about me). If I am supporting the coaches, they are having an enjoyable experience, they are having success, they are not going to jump ship to make a few hundred dollars more at another school. I would think the service and the support I give them would make up for any monetary difference.

To go back on evaluating coaches, are you more hands-on in terms of discussing X's and O's, or you more about assessing coaches/programs after seasons?

I always tell the coaches that they are subject matter on their sport. They are the with the students more than



Tim Alberts, shown here during last month's meetings with the student-athletes, has since been named the new Athletic Director and will officially take over on July 1. (file photo).

anyone else. If they are fair and unbiased with their decisions, and if they are making the best decisions which will help their team at the varsity level - the subvarsity we want all of the kids getting involved - but at the varsity level, that's their call. I would trust them to make the decision. Certainly if there is something that's glaring, then I'll say it. My job is to support them and to look out for the student-athletes and not to micro-manage and not ask 'why didn't you to man-to-man instead of a press'. I think that works well.

What are some of the other things you would like to improve on or add here? For example, a strength and conditioning coach/program.

I would have to see once I get in there and that would be on July 1. I know Mr. Harrison will be there and certainly I'd like to see what we can do. I'd like to work with you (at the Town Crier) and what would be some of the things the Athletic Director to do to make your job easier?

I'm big on social media and Twitter. One of the first things I did when I got to Matignon was start a Twitter Account. We have 460 students at Matignon and we have almost 1,300 followers. That's almost four times the student population so I can't imagine what I can do with a larger program. I think it's awesome for the student-athletes. They love it. I try to include the Boston newspapers and it's great for the students and great for getting them exposure. If there's someone who needs a little bit more help, I'm going to try to give them the help they need. If it's a good story, it should be told.

I try to go to as many games as I can. I know this past fall I went to cross-country meets, multiple swim meets and I try to go as much as I can. Those sports are as equally important as the others. I try to give credit to those students just as much (as the others).

What are your thoughts on the football playoff system and keeping the Thanksgiving tradition with Tewksbury going?

Certainly I wouldn't want to play anyone else besides Tewksbury. (Tewksbury Athletic Director) Ron (Drouin) called me yesterday and that was nice and meant a lot. I know Wilmington and Tewksbury is a great rivalry and we want to continue to make it a friendly rivalry off the field and certainly have sportsmanship throughout the games.

If there's ways Ron and I can get our student-athletes together before the community, that's really important to me. Certainly I would never want to play anyone besides Tewksbury.

The playoff system itself has a lot of tweaks and uncertainties. They have the general assembly vote in April and there are a lot of people who are working hard on those committees and you don't get paid for them and at the end of the day there's a lot of people who are unhappy. It's not a glamorous position. Dave Pignone (the Athletic Director) over at Stoneham is a great guy and I work well with him and I told him that it's a very tough position to be put into. A lot of people are not happy

at end of the day but everyone is trying to do their best in a situation for the student-athletes. The divisions are based on enrollments and Wilmington is in the right division.

Your thoughts on the off the field athletic issues, such as bullying, drugs, alcohol and concussion protocol?

Those four things are extremely important. One of the first things we do when the Matignon coaches meet the kids is have them read the state form about hazing. It's the absolute first thing they do. We don't wait until the teams are selected as something could happen. Nothing like that has happened during my tenure at Matignon and hopefully that will continue here at Wilmington.

We follow all of the rules and protocols, we do all of the concussion testing. We make sure we have the safest helmets, in other sports as well like hockey. We subcontract out with Sports Concussion New England of Brookline with Dr. Neil McGrath, who is the lead Doctor. We go above and beyond the MIAA protocol in terms of concussion so if a student is injured, they need permission from not only their doctor but the Sports Concussion group out of New England as well. If someone gets a concussion, we give them the 72-hour window and give them another test, and then Dr. McGrath and his staff will evaluate based off of that. That's something that I feel is extremely important and would like to continue to do here.

In terms of chemical health, we do our best to get the word out with the student-athletes, with the parents and what I always tell the coaches is to keep a mindful ear. I would never want a coach to know that there is something going on and let it happen. The coaches at Matignon are great and if they see or hear something, they bring it to my attention and then I immediately bring it to my administrators and we work on it together. I want the kids to be safe. If something does happen, then we will enforce the rules to make it a necessary experience. Certainly things like that come up, and if they do here, I'll address it. We will be proactive with the kids on all of these issues.

I always tell the kids that my door is always open. If something is bothering them, whether it's school related, coach related, player related, if a friend is having an issue, I want them to after they get to know me, to feel like they can come to me to get them the help they need. I think that's important. If someone is out there having a substance abuse problem, it'll just discipline them and we can help them get the help they need to correct things that may be going wrong.

Lastly, anything you want to add?

I'm extremely honored (to be named the next AD). I wish it was July 1. But like I said the other night, I'm still super busy at Matignon. But once it starts here at Wilmington, I can't wait to meet all of the student-athletes, the coaches and the other members of the community.



From the Sports Editor's Desk

# It appears as if Alberts is the right choice

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WILMINGTON - Over the years, there's been decisions made by Wilmington principals and school administrators on sports subjects which I haven't agreed with. There have been several controversies over the years that I thought were handled very poorly even dating back 15 years ago. Some of those controversies I have written about and many others I didn't or couldn't for various reasons.

That being said, going into the process of naming a new athletic director at WHS, I was extremely skeptical. I heard the rumors like everyone else did on who the administrators liked and wanted and that sort of thing. But those were just rumors. I heard the screening committee resembled a New England Patriots roster of 60-plus people, and thought that was mistake number one. Again I was very skeptical on all of it.

Even before the search started, I felt that an outside person with some experience as an AD from a smaller school would be the perfect fit, much like Burlington did when the school replaced the retired and Wilmington Hall of Famer Ed Gillis with Shaun Hart.

I said an outsider would be better because I thought a few things need to be done to improve the overall sports department, which I didn't feel would get done with someone who is famil-

iar here. Certainly Ed Harrison has done a wonderful job - not everyone will agree to that - but being around all of the sports teams here in Wilmington for 23 years and so many other school departments and other AD's during my time here and when I worked ten years for the Boston Herald, I've seen a lot of good and bad. Harrison accomplished a lot terrific things here during his tenure. Certainly I didn't agree with him on everything but in the Big Picture, this guy did one heck of a job.

That being said, in today's world where social media and cell phones now rule the world, mine included, Harrison's replacement needs to be someone who is a little bit more savvy with those aspects and can offer some new different ideas and approaches. There's nothing wrong with that. Certainly I know there's plenty of people out there who wish to give me new ideas, approaches on things and think I'm as useful to the Wilmington and Tewksbury Communities as much as Pablo Sandoval is to the Red Sox - just thankfully after my commitment to better health I don't look like him anymore.

Anyway, I must say that after two interactions - including an interview which lasted over an hour - I'm very impressed with Tim Alberts and I believe is the right guy for the position. If he is allowed to completely run the athletic



Michaela McLaughlin from Wilmington was selected to play in the Shriners annual Hockey All-Star game. She scored the winning goal and was name MVP of the game which was played on March 26th. (courtesy photo)

department, like an athletic director should be able to do, he'll add some new dimensions to the entire program and get what some parents called "an abysmal school and sports culture turned around".

Alberts will quickly realize once he sits in his chair at the new high school, that there are some struggling programs that need mountains of help, and there are some programs which are outstanding and need no help - except to turn away those who discredit those outstanding coaches that we do have, even in the successful and in some cases struggling programs.

Back several years ago, Wilmington lost a number of top notch quality coaches between Bob Almeida, Jim McCune, Jay Keane, Mike Pimental and Joe McMahon and those were five 'gigantic' hits to the sports department, all in a

short amount of time. Almeida has proven he can win at other places, McCune is already in the Hall of Fame, Pimental will be someday, while another Hall of Famer Bob Cripps also retired. All of that experience from those six coaches has certainly been tough to replace and I think a lot of townspeople forget that.

In his three years as the Athletic Director at Marnon, Tim Alberts completely changed the dynamics of the school's sports department. In 2014-'15, the girls hockey team was winless. A year later with a new coach, the team advanced to the sectional semi-finals. Vast improvements were made in other programs, like softball and boys hockey and he also is never shy of promoting teams, coaches and athletes on social media or in the newspapers.

Besides those things, there have also been a handful of athletes during his tenure who have been given tremendous opportunities. Badara Traore, a lineman on the football team who graduated from Marnon and attending junior college in New York, is getting D1 offers from many Division 1 schools and Cameron Monagle, who was pitching at a Division 4 high school program at Marnon and walked-on at Merrimack College.

Alberts seems to have his hands in every cookie jar and that's impressive, to be able to share the wealth and time, to be that organized and that well versed in so many different areas.

This AD position at WHS started with over 40 candidates and came down to two people. I heard a solid group of names in the 40 and some I thought would get more of a look and

some I thought weren't qualified whatsoever. But it came down to two - Alberts and Ryan Quigley, who is the Assistant Principal at Medway Middle School and was the former Athletic Director at Ashland High School. Quigley was also a very impressive candidate, who I thought could help WHS Athletics is a number of different ways.

When those meetings were done, I thought Alberts was the clear No. 1 choice for a number of reasons, mostly what he can do to improve the entire athletic department here at WHS.

Although Tim Alberts has yet to work a day in Wilmington yet, I believe that the school administrators -- led by Superintendent Mary DeLai and Principal Linda Peters -- got this one correct.

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## WHS Softball Preview

# A year later, young team more experienced

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WILMINGTON - Last year was a very productive season for the Wilmington High School Softball team. The Wildcats finished with an overall record of 10-11 which included a trip to the state tournament for the first time since 2011.

That team was very young and certainly improved

quite a bit from the start of the season until the 6-0 first round loss to league rival Arlington in the first round of the Division 2 North state tournament.

This year's team returners basically all nine starters from that ten-win season, but if you ask head coach Audrey Cabral-Pini, that doesn't mean anything.

"We have a year of experience under us especially

with our young infielders," said Cabral-Pini, who is entering her eighth season with a record of 77-68. "They know they have to continue to produce. We know that last year we were young and we made the tournament, but there's no guarantee at all that we will make it again this year. It's still a learning curve going on, with bunt coverages and things like that."

This year's captains include Makayla Donahue, Teresa Gracia and Brittany Garrard. Besides the nine returning starters, this year's roster also includes a handful of young players with a lot of potential.

"We do have depth at pitching so Jenn (Dovidio) doesn't have to pitch every inning," said Cabral-Pini. "We have some young freshmen who look pretty good. We're going to have a couple of them as swing players from junior varsity to varsity but I think if our numbers weren't so low (overall in the program), a few more of those freshmen probably would get more looks to be on the varsity team."

Both Dovidio and catcher Shannon Horgan were the lone two league all-stars from last year's team and they return as batterymates again. Dovidio really came

on last year as a pitcher and improved tremendously, while she also became a very tough out at the plate.

She'll get help from freshman Ally Moran, who will see time on the mound and in the outfield. And when she pitches, Dovidio will see time in the infield or as a back-up catcher.

Across the infield, Antonia Kieran returns at first, Dana Goulet and Liz Gordon will play both second and shortstop, and Adele Burton returns at third.

The outfield will consist of Marisa Butler in left, Garrard in center and Donahue in right. Butler became the starting left fielder halfway through last season, and Garrard and Donahue return as veterans. The latter has a very powerful bat, and will be looked upon to produce in the middle of the line-up.

Moran, as well as Gracia, an outfielder will also be in the mix, while several of the swing players will include sophomore transfer Aliyah Tang, a slap hitting outfielder who came over from Lowell Catholic, as well as Kayla Bourrell (inf).

Cabral-Pini said it's very hard to tell right now exactly how this team will fare since the team has been stuck inside for most of the pre-season.

"We have some speed and we have looked OK in some of the scrimmages," she said. "But like I said, there's still a learning curve going on."

Wilmington is slated to open the season on Thursday with a trip to Winchester, followed by trips to Woburn, Lexington and Belmont before coming home on Friday, April 22nd to face Melrose.



The WHS Softball team will be led by its three captains from left, Theresa Gracia, Makayla Donahue and Brittany Garrard. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Boys sticking to a winning plan

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to surprise some people this time around.

"That's a good question," Peters said when asked if this year's team could perhaps be better than last season. "We are very young. We had 13 seniors last season and we only have four this season. It's going to be interesting. I think we can sneak up on some teams and surprise some teams."

"We don't have a lot of

experience, but we have some great athletes who are not afraid to take some contact to score goals."

One of the things that Peters had stressed at the end of last season was that his players would have to work on their game during the off season, that they could not simply come back at the start of the season and expect to have success. At least some of his players took his advice.

"You can see the kids who have worked and the kids who have not," Peters said. "The bottom line is that it comes down to the kids. They have to want to work to get better. We have had some great preseason practices and again for the past week and a half since the season started."

Where inconsistency plagued the Wildcats last season, Peters is hoping it is not an issue this season, as he has a team that while short on varsity experience, has plenty of experience playing the game at younger levels.

"The majority of these kids have played together for five or six years in youth leagues so they know how to play the game," Peters said. "We have to be consistent in every game."

"The kids have to concentrate and take pride in their stick. What I mean by that I that they can't be careless when they have the ball. We have been working on that and it is starting to come to fruition a little bit."

One place where the Wildcats have some experience heading into the season is at attack where they will be led by sophomore Bobby Lord, who was third overall on the team last season with 18 goals, and is the team's top returning scorer.

"Bobby had a great season for us last season as a freshman, and we feel like he can be even better this year after having a year of experience," Peters said.

Joining Lord on the front line will be senior Cole Walsh and freshman newcomer Andrew Sullivan.

"Cole brings a lot of offensive skill of his own," Peters said. "Last season he was a little bit apprehensive but this year in practice to far he has been much more aggressive. We had a couple of scrimmages last week and he scored a couple of goals. He should provide a strong senior presence for us."

"Sully is going to bring a lot to our offense, as you can tell with him starting as just a freshman. He is a lefty and has a good stick and he is not afraid to dodge to make a play. He still has a lot to learn, but he will already bring us a threat that we have not had before."

Manning the midfield for the Wildcats will be junior Tyler DeJesus a three year starter, along with sophomores Tyler Roberts and

Tommy Robarge.

"Tyler (DeJesus) has been with us for a few years now and he has gotten every year. We are expecting big things from him this season," Peters said. "Tommy started some games for us last season, but he will play a bigger role for us this season. We are seeing the improvement already."

"(Roberts) brings some good size to the position for us. He is a big, strong kid. He is another lefty who is still learning but he already knows how to dodge, and when he does bang into kids they bounce off of him."

Senior captain Charlie Minghella will be the long stick middle for the Wildcats, moving from his previous position of mid-fielder.

"That is a big move for him and a big move for the team," Peters said. "He is very fast and should adapt very well to the position. He will be a big positive for us."

On defense the Wildcats will be led by Minghella's co-captains, senior Sam Jennings and junior Mike Germano, along with sophomore Matt Spinos.

"Sam is a good leader. He had a good season with the football team and he is always working to get better. He always give one hundred percent," Peters said. "Mike was our fourth defenseman last season, but he has really improved this season. He brings a physical presence to the defense and he is a very vocal leader. Matt has been very good for us so far in the preseason. He has a very good stick."

Junior goalie Jimmy Carroll will take over in net this season for the Wildcats.

"We had Jimmy play JV last season so he could get more experience and he took advantage of it," Peters said. "And then he played his butt off in practice to earn the starting job."

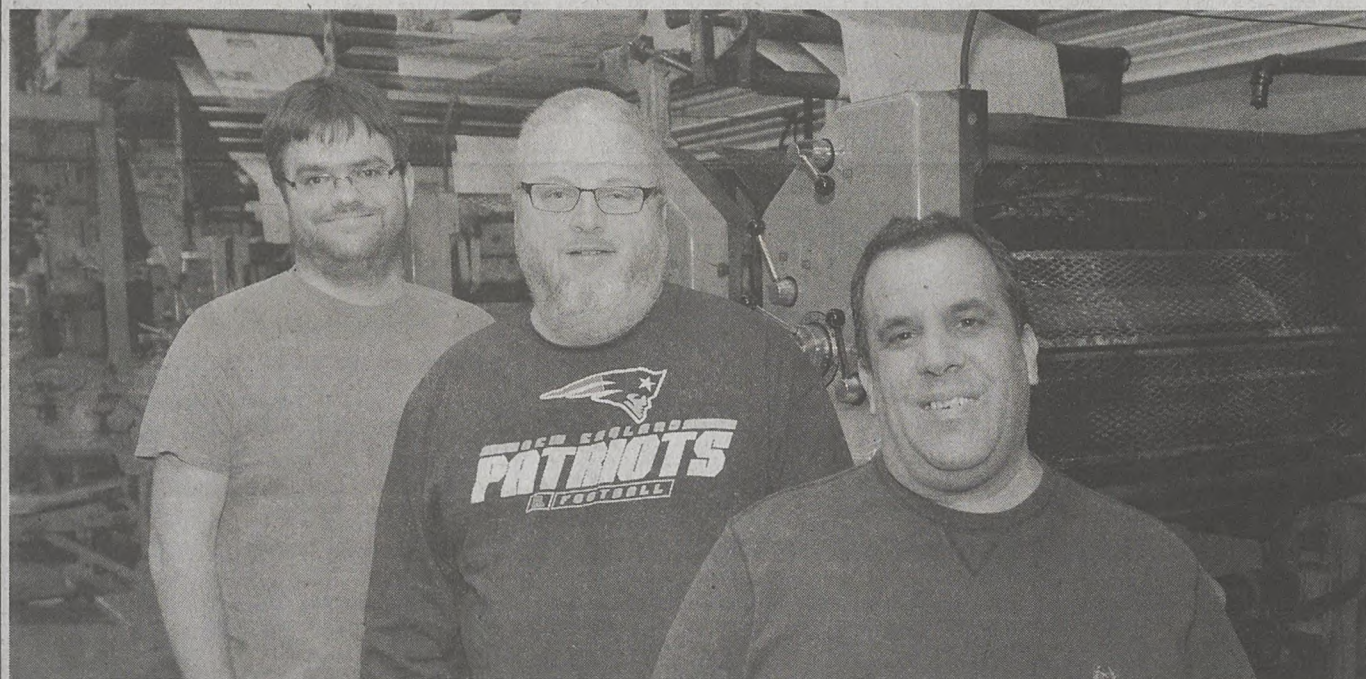
Other key contributors to the Wildcats this season will be seniors Pat Dunfee and John Maga, juniors Harley Montero, Jake Luiz, Antonia Buzzanga, and Brandon Belmonte, and sophomores Kyle Penny, Ryan St. Jean, AJ McKinney and Moe Ducharme.

"Last season we felt like we had a team that could have made the playoffs if everything went right, and when we put it together, I think we did pretty well. The problem was we did not do that nearly often enough," Peters said. "This season, even though expectations aren't as high, we still expect to go out and give one hundred percent every game."

"Our success will depend on how quickly we gel together and mature. We will give it our best shot and hopefully we can surprise some people along the way."

Wilmington is scheduled to open its season on Thursday with a trip to Woburn (4 pm).

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# Girls Tennis team hoping to climb the standings

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WILMINGTON -- Last season was a case of good news and bad news for the Wilmington High Girls Tennis team.

The bad news is that the Wildcats won only one match the entire season on their way to a 1-16 overall record.

The good news is that along the way many of their young players gained some valuable varsity experience and the Wildcats will lose only two players who saw significant playing time last season.

Wilmington will bring virtually their entire roster along with one critical young addition as they attempt to make the jump from a one win team to a team bound for the state tournament. It may sound far fetched, but Wildcats coach Matt Hackett believes it is very possible.

"You always hate to lose kids off your roster, but I feel like the core of our team is all back," Hackett said.

"We have been playing very well so far in practice, and I feel like we can be a lot better this season."

A big part of the reason for Hackett's optimism is at the top of his lineup where freshman Emily Hill will take over at number one singles. "It's not every day that a freshman can earn the top spot in a varsity lineup, but for a player of Hill's talents, Hackett knew that it where she belonged.

"I have known her for three years and seen her play in camps and things like that, so I knew how talented she was," Hackett said. "But until you bring her in and actually get to see her compete you don't really know

what to expect. She just came in and performed really well and worked her way up to first singles."

The benefit of having a talented player like Hill as your number one player is obvious in what she can provide in terms of her own wins and losses, but the not so obvious benefit is what her presence at the top of the lineup does for the rest of the lineup.

With the Wildcats for example, Hill's presence at the top moves last year's number one player Sam Maragioglio down to second singles after a very promising sophomore season where she went .500 against the best the Middlesex League had to offer.

"I thought Sam did a phenomenal job last season at number one last season," Hackett said. "It was very close between here and Emily for the number one spot. We are going into the season with two legitimate number ones for the first time in a long time. Sam's game has gotten even better this season."

With Maragioglio moving down one slot, projected second singles player, senior Jess Nussbaum moves down to number three, a move that Hackett is confident will pay big dividends.

"Jess actually played a good second singles last season, but she came did a ton of work in the off season and came back even better," Hackett said. "I would have been confident with her at number two, but at number three she should be very good. As a senior she handled it so well. She just said she would do whatever is best for the team."

The Wildcats also look strong in first doubles, with junior Christina Woods and



Wilmington High Girls Tennis Coach Matt Hackett will look to captains, Jessica Nussbaum, left and Vanessa D'Angelo for a successful season on and off the court. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Luisa Schramm, a German exchange student, providing a powerful combination.

"Christina did a great job for us last season, so it is great to have her back," Hackett said. "And (Schramm) is just a machine. All of the kids who come off the court after playing against her just say to me, 'coach she doesn't mess up'. Between her and Christina we should do very well there."

Junior Christina Wright and sophomore Lauren Field will move into the second doubles slot and Hackett is confident they will do very well in that role.

"Christina was a huge part of our team last season.

Any time we needed someone to fill in at first doubles she did it for us and did very well. She has a great attitude. She is another one who was willing to do whatever is best for the team," Hackett said. "Lauren has improved so much since last season. Her game has gotten so much better. They play well as a team."

Other players who will contribute to the Wildcats this season will be juniors Mary Lesperance and Vanessa D'Angelo, along with seniors Tristy Suprenant and Ruju Triveti.

The Wildcats co-captains will be Vanessa D'Angelo and Jess Nussbaum.

"They are both team first

kids," Hackett said. "Jess has always seemed to be more mature and level headed than her age. I think Vanessa has had a big jump in maturity over the past couple of years. They are both great leaders by example."

His captains may be leading the way, but in reality Hackett is very pleased with what he has up and down his entire roster.

"We have a lot of depth," Hackett said. "It is the first time in a while where we have a lot of kids who could be playing second doubles. It is a good problem to have."

And while the likes of perennial powerhouses like

Lexington, Burlington, Winchester and Belmont will be hard to overcome, Hackett is confident that his one win team from a year ago can make the improvement necessary to qualify for the state tournament.

"It is a big jump, by my hope is that realistically we can do that," Hackett said. "I don't know about all the other teams in the league, but I look at our schedule and I see no reason why we can't improve enough to make the tournament."

Wilmington opened the season Wednesday against Woburn with results not known as of presstime.

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# WHS Boys Tennis Preview

## Wildcats hoping to smash the competition

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WILMINGTON -- Last season was a special one for the Wilmington High Boys Tennis team, with the Wildcats finishing 9-10 overall and finally qualifying for the state tournament after three straight seasons of missing by just one match, making the post season for the first time since 2002.

The Wildcats did lose in the first round of the Division 3 North sectionals in a 3-2 heartbreaker to Gloucester, but it was still a thrilling and promising season for the program.

The problem for the Wildcats now is that it may prove very difficult to repeat their great success of last season, having lost several key players to graduation, including their top two singles players, co-captains, Justin Wright and Robbie Mailey.

"Our two captains last season were really the difference for us, so obviously they will be very hard to replace," Wilmington coach Rob Mailey said. "Our loss to Gloucester last season was a little disappointing, but still to get to the tournament was a nice accomplishment for us."

Mailey has had to adjust his expectations for this year's team as opposed to teams of recent years. Last year in particular Mailey had turned up the heat a little on his veteran

team, letting them know that anything less than a tournament berth would be a disappointment.

This year's preseason message has been a little different.

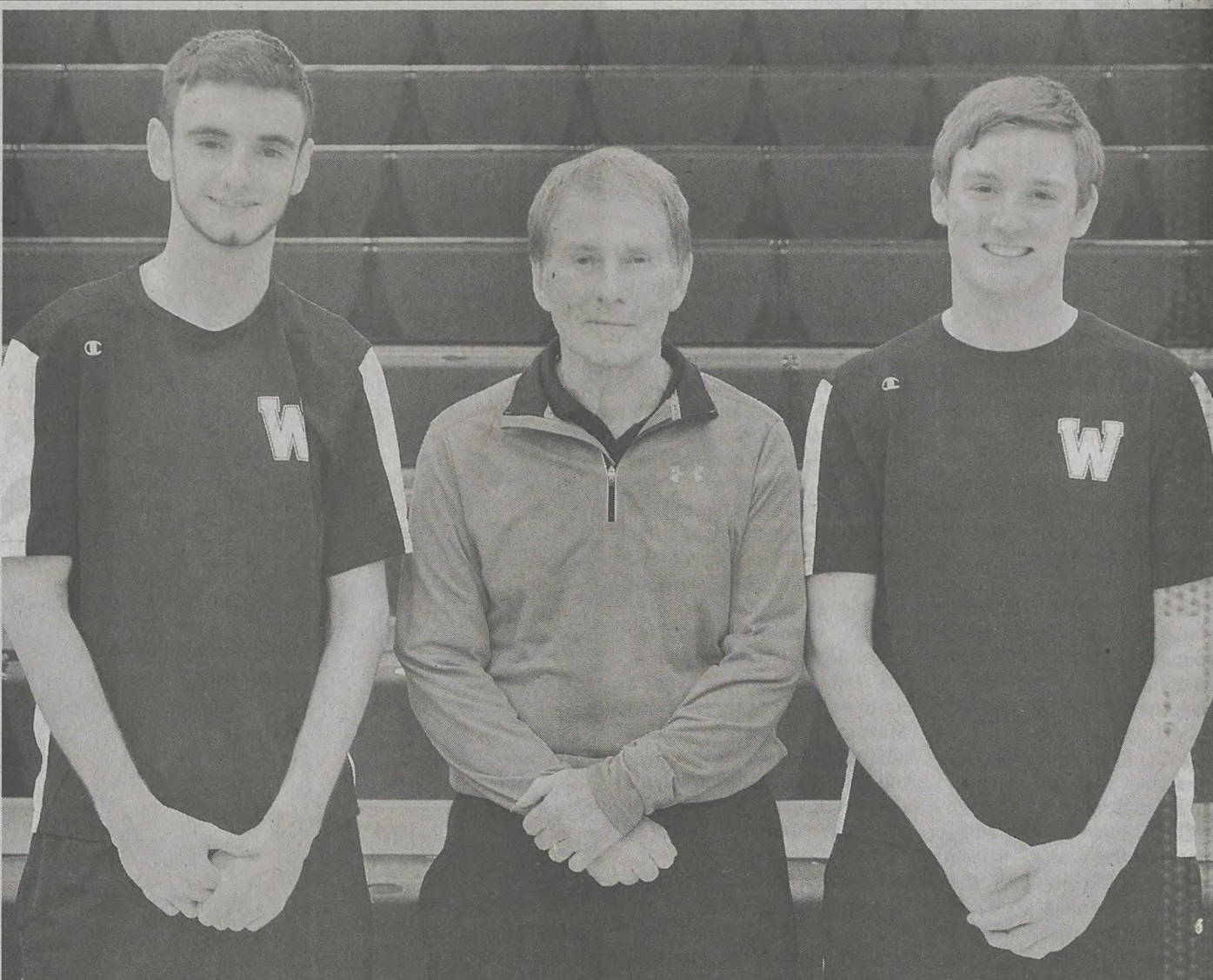
"We are looking at a group of inexperienced kids this season," Mailey said. "They have been working really hard, but rather than feeling the pressure of winning to qualify for states, I want them to work as hard as they can, hustle for every point, and let the chips fall where they may. The most important thing is to just improve as the season goes on."

Junior Evan Meyers will be one of the players that will have to improve most as the season goes on, playing in the always difficult role of number one singles in the very talented Middlesex League.

Meyers played third singles last season but with the graduation of their top two players, Mailey felt that Meyers was ready to make the move to the top of the lineup.

"I think he is ready to take the next step," Mailey said. "Number one is always tough in the Middlesex League, but he has been working hard and I think he can handle it."

Senior co-captains Mike Gake and Quentin Foley will play second and third singles, moving up from their role as the team's number one doubles team



The WHS Boys Tennis team is once again under the direction of coach Rob Mailey, and he'll look for leadership from co-captains Michael Gake, left and Quinton Foley, right.  
(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

last season. Mailey is confident that the pair will be big contributors for the Wildcats both on and off the court.

"It is their first time playing singles, so they are kind of a work in progress, but they have been working hard and putting in the time to try and get better," Mailey said. "They are both doing a good job as captains. They have been with me for a while now and they are both good kids and will be good leaders."

With Gake and Foley moving up to play singles, it has created a void in doubles and Mailey is still working out exactly who will be filling those roles. Right now it looks like some combination of seniors Teddy Miele and Jon Perella, along with juniors Zach Marcinkowski and Zach Avazian and John Le will be taking to the court.

"Our tryout matches have been real close," Mailey said. "The kids are really battling for spots, so we will see who ends up playing. We have seen a lot of kids play well to try and get in the lineup."

Mailey knows that his team will need to continue to play well and continue to improve if they hope to compete in the Middlesex League against the likes of Lexington, Winchester and Burlington.

"Lexington looks like the class of the league again. I have been told they are not as strong as they have been in the past, but they are still very good," Mailey said. "All we can do is go out and give it our best."

"Our goal is to improve as much as possible as the season goes on. A lot of kids have already improved since practice started on March 21st, so I think they will continue to do that throughout the season."

Wilmington was scheduled to open the season on Wednesday against Woburn with results not known as of presstime.

## Cowden continues to break (her own) records at Regis College

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Our look at college athletes in Wilmington over the course of the last two weeks starts on the track where Regis College sophomore Kate Cowden earned an eighth place finish in a field of 28 competitors in the shot put at the Bears Track & Field Invitational with a top throw of 32-07.50. Cowden also placed tenth out of 31 competitors in the discus



KATE COWDEN

with a throw of 91-05.

She then carried that success over to this past weekend at the Snowflake Invitational where she broke her own school record in the discus throw with a distance of 33.09 meters and then she extended her school mark later on with a distance of 33.41.

Assumption college freshman Jackie Ryan competed in the Bears Track & Field Invitational at Bridgewater State University on Saturday, finishing 19th out of 50 competitors in the 1,500 meters in a time of 5:26.04. She also finished 22nd in the 800 meters in a time of 2:52.69.

Also, Assumption College announced that Ryan and four other members of the men's and women's cross country teams have been named to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) Division II All-Academic Team honors.

The individual All-Academic honor was awarded to those athletes who have compiled a cumulative grade point average of at

least 3.25 and finished among the top 30 percent of eligible runners at his or her regional championships and/or the top half of the field at the NCAA Championships.

Ryan, a freshman environmental science major, was one of the top five runners for the Hounds throughout her rookie season. In the Northeast-10 meet, she crossed in 47th place out of 149 runners in a time of 24:43. The following week, Ryan crossed in 56th place at the NCAA Regional with a time of 23:43.5 to finish as the fifth Hound in the regional.

Turning back to the college fields, in softball action, St. Anselm senior right fielder Emily Crannell was 1-for-4 with a run scored in a 6-5 Hawks win over Stonehill on Saturday. Crannell is now batting .233 on the season with five runs scored.

On the baseball diamond, UMass Amherst sophomore Vinny Scifo was 1-for-4 in both ends of a doubleheader split with Davidson on Saturday in Davidson, North Carolina. Scifo also scored a run in a 5-4 loss in the first game of the twin bill, and added an RBI in the night cap.

Wilmington residents were also busy on the lacrosse fields, where University of Southern Maine senior defender and captain Eddie Barasso had two ground ball pickups and three caused turnovers for the Huskies in a 17-12 loss to Mount Ida last Wednesday. It was the first loss of the season for the Huskies, whose record now stands at 4-1.

Daniel Webster junior midfielder Matt Capozzi won 12 faceoffs and had a ground ball pickup for the Eagles in a 16-11 loss to Rivier last Wednesday.

Regis College freshman midfielder Zach Leighton and his Pride teammates are off to a 5-2 start to the season, with their most recent win coming in a 19-2 win over Green Mountain College last Wednesday. Leighton has now played in four of the Pride's seven games this season.

Rivier University freshman attack Rob Fullerton

scored his first collegiate point back on March 19, picking up an assist in a 16-5 Raiders win over Becker College. Fullerton has now played two games this season for Rivier.

Fullerton's teammate at Rivier, freshman midfielder Chris Pennie, also scored his first collegiate point recently, scoring a goal in a 16-10 win over Mitchell College on Saturday. Pennie, who like Fullerton is a 2015 graduate of Wilmington High, also won 18 of 25 faceoffs for the Pride and had eight ground ball pickups.

On the Women's Lacrosse side at Rivier, junior Jane Farrell had a goal for the Raiders in a 17-15 loss to Simmons on Saturday. Farrell now has five goals and one assist on the season.

Also news from the winter season includes local women's hockey player Madison Ricci who helped the Stevenson University team claim a Championship win. The Mustangs defeated Endicott in double overtime with a score of 2-1, leading them to become this year's Colonial Hockey Conference champions.

Also from the winter season and women's ice hockey, Chloe Castellano was one of six student-athletes named on the Colonial Hockey Conference (CHC) All-Academic Team.

To be eligible for All-Academic recognition a student-athlete must carry a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) and have completed one full-year at their current institution.

Endicott finished its first-year as an NCAA Division III varsity program in 2015-16 with a 14-7-4 overall record (11-1-2 CHC) en route to an appearance in the CHC Tournament championship game.

Finally, Amanda Richards was one of 13 WPI field hockey student-athletes to be honored for their work inside the classroom by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

The National Academic Squad recognizes those student-athletes who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher through the

first semester of the 2015-16 academic year while the Scholars of Distinction have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher through the first semester of the 2015-16 academic year.

### ROAD RACE RESULTS

On Sunday the 6th annual 'Run for the Troops 5K in Andover' was held with almost 2,000 runners bearing

the cold weather and snowflakes.

Wilmington had 18 residents complete the race including: Julie Barrett (31st, 20:03), Kim Doherty (64th, 21:36), Netant Misra (65th, 21:40), Brian Shea (266th, 25:32), Abel Jimenez (304th, 25:57), Theresa Smaroff (309th, 26:00), Lindsay Clark (499th, 28:03), Leigh Loftus (662nd, 29:23) and Shawn Kinneen (674th, 29:33).

Also: Michelle Mallon (723rd, 30:03), Michael Tringale (918th, 32:07), Erica Forte (1,017th, 33:12), Ali Hughes (1,344th, 38:45), Clarice Callahan (1,495th, 44:08), Kevin Jenkins (1,556th, 46:31), Daniel Hudd (1,572nd, 47:06), Jaren Hudd (1,573rd, 47:07) and Debbie Santiano-Queen (1,812th, 54:36).

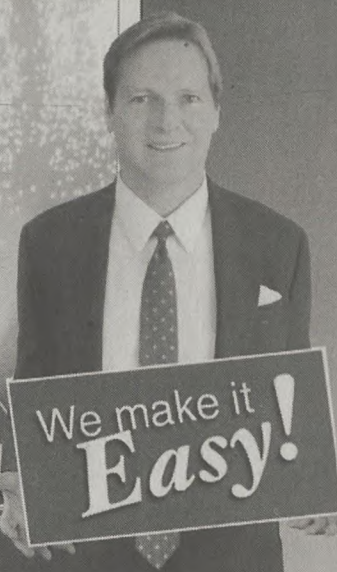
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Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
<b>Tewksbury High Sports</b>				
Thursday	April 7	V Boys Lacrosse	vs North Andover	3:45 pm
Thursday	April 7	V Girls Lacrosse	at North Andover	3:45 pm
Thursday	April 7	V Girls Tennis	at Bedford	3:45 pm
Thursday	April 7	V Softball	at Everett	4:00 pm
Friday	April 8	V Girls Tennis	vs Andover	3:45 pm
Friday	April 8	V Baseball	vs Andover	3:45 pm
Monday	April 11	V Softball	vs Dracut	3:30 pm
Monday	April 11	V Girls Tennis	at Central Catholic	3:45 pm
Monday	April 11	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Malden Catholic	3:45 pm
Monday	April 11	V Baseball	at Lawrence	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 12	V Boys Lacrosse	at Lowell	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 12	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Lowell	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 13	Boys/Girls Track	at Lawrence	3:45 pm
Wednesday	April 13	V Baseball	at Central Catholic	3:45 pm
Wednesday	April 13	V Girls Tennis	at Lowell	3:45 pm
Wednesday	April 13	V Softball	vs Lowell	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 14	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Chelmsford	3:45 pm
<b>Wilmington High Sports</b>				
Thursday	April 7	V Boys Tennis	at Lexington	3:30 pm
Thursday	April 7	V Girls Tennis	vs Lexington	3:30 pm
Thursday	April 7	V Softball	at Winchester	3:45 pm
Thursday	April 7	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Woburn	3:45 pm
Thursday	April 7	V Boys Lacrosse	at Woburn	4:00 pm
Monday	April 11	Boys/Girls Track	vs Melrose	3:30 pm
Monday	April 11	V Boys Tennis	at Belmont	3:30 pm
Monday	April 11	V Girls Tennis	vs Belmont	3:30 pm
Monday	April 11	V Girls Lacrosse	at Ipswich	3:45 pm
Tuesday	April 12	V Baseball	at Woburn	3:45 pm
Tuesday	April 12	V Softball	at Woburn	3:45 pm
Tuesday	April 12	V Boys Lacrosse	at Lexington	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 13	V Boys Tennis	vs Melrose	3:30 pm
Wednesday	April 13	V Girls Tennis	at Melrose	3:30 pm
Thursday	April 14	Boys/Girls Track	vs Wakefield	3:30 pm
<b>Shawsheen Tech Sports</b>				
Thursday	April 7	V Baseball	at Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 7	Girls Track	at NDA	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 7	V Softball	vs Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Friday	April 8	V Baseball	at Bedford	4:00 pm
Friday	April 8	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Mystic Valley	4:00 pm
Saturday	April 9	V Softball	vs Arlington Catholic	11:00 am
Monday	April 11	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Salem	4:00 pm
Monday	April 11	V Tennis	at Minuteman	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 12	V Baseball	at Northeast	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 13	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Belmont	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 13	V Tennis	vs Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 14	V Baseball	vs Minuteman	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 14	V Tennis	vs Fellowship	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 14	Boys/Girls Track	at Lynn Tech	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 14	V Softball	vs Whittier Tech	4:30 pm





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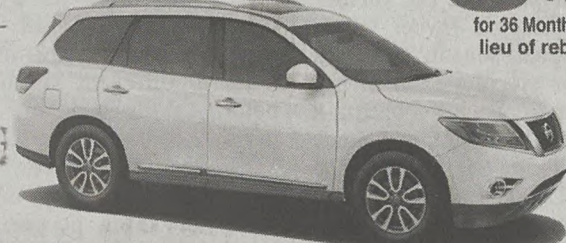
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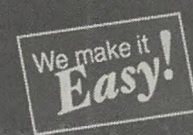
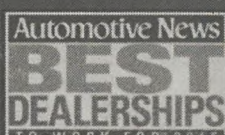
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The Shawsheen Tech Baseball team will look to continue its tremendous success behind local players, from left, Dan McCrevan, Dave Lindsey, Alex Tate and Leo Frisella of Tewksbury and Brendan O'Flaherty of Wilmington.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

### Shawsheen Tech Baseball Preview

# Two-time league champions ready for bigger challenges

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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BILLERICA -- If you are a member of the Shawsheen Tech Baseball team and you are coming off back-to-back CAC championships, including the school's first outright title since 2008, the biggest question heading into this season has to be what can you possibly do to top that? The answer obviously, is quite simple really. Win another one.

For many teams in the Rams position, the defense of consecutive league titles and the desire to push for more is left to untested or unproven underclassmen who might be wearing same name of their school on their chest, but in reality bear very little resemblance to the teams that actually won those crowns.

That is not the case for the Rams. While they did lose four key players off of last year's roster, they return most of the team that brought them the consecutive titles, including the biggest pieces of their pitching rotation.

With that as a backdrop heading into the season, Shawsheen coach Brian McCarthy is able to look back with great pride on what his team has already accomplished and look ahead with great anticipation of what is to come.

"Last season was a fun one. We had a great regular season and we were proud to capture the CAC title. The players worked real hard last year to achieve those goals, and it paid off," McCarthy said. "The players we have coming back

this season now know what it takes to be successful, and that is a great way to enter a new season, with a good core group of players that knows what it takes."

Which is not to say the Rams suffered no losses at all, as they were forced to say goodbye to graduates Tim Lavoie, Ryan Collins, Ryan Barnard and Anthony Bova. Lavoie, last year's CAC MVP will be particularly hard to replace, as the three-year all-star catcher was often referred to by McCarthy as the heart and soul of the team.

"Every year ends with looking at the roster and trying to decide how to replace those key players in your lineup and great leaders in the locker room," said McCarthy. "Last year we had some great student-athletes that will be sorely missed. Ryan Collins and Ryan Barnard were solid defensive, everyday players for us. Anthony Bova was a good hitter and mainstay at first base."

"And then Tim Lavoie who was our league's MVP and three-year all-star for us. You can't just simply replace guys like that on your team, so you do your best to adapt and move forward."

While the Rams lineup has yet to be exactly determined due to them having only one scrimmage to this point, McCarthy does know that he brings some solid bats back to the lineup starting with senior second baseman and CAC All-Star Brendan O'Flaherty of Wilmington and fellow senior David Lindsey of Tewksbury. Senior third baseman Andy

Diranian, along with fellow seniors Tyler Boutwell, and Evan Boczenowski, and junior CAC All-Star Craig Rich will also return to the lineup.

"It is hard to lose kids like that, however, we do bring back some players who either were every day starters, or got some valuable playing experience from last year's team. We have some guys at the top of our lineup who are returning from last year," McCarthy said.

While the Rams lineup looks to be solid from top to bottom, it is probably not even the strength of the team. That comes on the mound where they will return both of their top starters from last season, seniors Alex Tate and Dan McCrevan. Tate, a lefty and McCrevan, a righty, both hail from Tewksbury and both are coming off outstanding junior seasons that saw them each be selected to the CAC All-Star team.

Senior relief pitcher Liam Dawson, who was also outstanding last season, will also reprise his role as the Rams stopper.

"Without a doubt, our biggest strength is in fact defense this year," McCarthy said. "Bringing back our top three pitchers and three out of four infielders is a tremendous way to enter a season."

Overall things are very good for the Rams, who bring back four of their five CAC All-Stars from a year ago, losing only Lavoie, but bringing back Tate, Dawson, O'Flaherty and Rich.

It has been McCarthy's policy since taking over the Shawsheen Baseball pro-

gram to not name any captains. But that doesn't mean the team does not have leaders. In fact, they are rather chock full of leaders on this veteran laden squad.

"We have a great group of returners and seniors this season, with nine total returners, eight seniors and one junior," McCarthy said. "They are terrific leaders and have been working hard in the off-season getting themselves and the squad ready. A lot of them come back with loads of varsity game experience too which is always nice for a coach."

"Having great leaders like O'Flaherty, Boutwell, Tate, and Dawson on a team is hard to quantify how valuable that is."

The Rams will obviously be one of the favorites in the CAC this season, but McCarthy hardly sees them as runaway favorites. On the contrary, he feels like they will be challenged in every game throughout the CAC season.

"The CAC is always a tough baseball league. There are no easy games on the schedule, especially in the CAC Large School Division," McCarthy said. "Whittier and Greater Lowell are always strong teams, and will be tough again this year. Greater Lowell brings back a lot of returners as well."

"And last year, Greater Lawrence was loaded with young talent, and will test everyone this year. The CAC large is wide-open this year. We hope to be competitive in every game we play and just want to take it one game at a time."

## Former player and Wilmington resident O'Reilly taking over reigns of Girls Lacrosse program

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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BILLERICA -- There will be a new face on the sidelines this season for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Lacrosse team.

While some opponents may view that face as just another player, it will in fact be new Lady Rams head coach Alex O'Reilly, who takes over the program less than four years after graduating from Shawsheen where she was a two-sport athlete for the Lady Rams starring in both ice hockey and lacrosse.

The Wilmington native, who is still in her senior year at Bridgewater State University, may very well be mistaken for just another player based on her age, but if any opposing coach is planning on underestimating the first year coach, they will be the ones making the big mistake. For whatever O'Reilly lacks in age, she has certainly made up for by cramming a lot of coaching experience into a very short time.

Upon graduating from Shawsheen in 2012, O'Reilly moved on to Bridgewater State, where rather than playing lacrosse (there is no women's hockey program), she instead turned her attention to coaching, returning to the Tech at every opportunity to help the lacrosse program as a volunteer assistant, helping out her former coach, Maggie Joyce.

This past season she took another step forward in her coaching career, becoming a full-time assistant to former Shawsheen Girls Lacrosse coach Liz Richards at Austin Prep, one of the most successful girls lacrosse programs in the state, having gone 36-4 under Richards over the past two seasons.

O'Reilly did not stop there, however. After being a volunteer assistant for the Shawsheen Girls Hockey team under the direction of her former coach Bob Roach, this year she was hired as the offensive coach for the Haverhill/Pentucket/Andover co-op Hockey team.

It has been a whirlwind of coaching experience and learning for O'Reilly and she feels like she is definitely ready for the challenge of taking over her own program, saying she owes her knowledge of lacrosse to Richards, who is still the physical education teacher at Shawsheen.

"I leaned so much from her," O'Reilly said. "Everything I know about coaching lacrosse I have learned from her. She has such a great program at Austin Prep and it was so amazing to learn from her. She really knows how to run things."

O'Reilly also credits Joyce with being of great assistance during her preparation to become a head coach, as

well as in her first couple of weeks in her new role.

"Maggie has been a huge help to me," O'Reilly said. "Thanks to her these past few weeks have been smooth sailing. I didn't want the



team to just go into shell shock with me coming in and changing everything so Maggie has been great with helping with the transition. She is also always there for me if I have any questions. She has been such a great help."

O'Reilly, who is a physical education major with a minor in athletic coaching at Bridgewater State, also brings plenty of her own expertise to her new job. Between the experience she has gained in various assistant jobs as well as with her education, O'Reilly plans on using all of these experiences in her new job.

"It is very helpful to have gotten all of that experience, because it has helped me get over any issues I might have had taking over as a new coach," O'Reilly said. "It was nice to have exposure to a lot of different situations before taking over my own team."

O'Reilly understands that her young age may be an issue for some people, but she believes that her closeness in age to her players can't do anything but help.

"I think it will be an advantage for me," O'Reilly said. "When I was first coaching hockey I was coaching kids who were freshmen on the same team with me when I was a senior. The level of respect was always there, but I just had to make the switch in our relationship from friend to player and coach."

"The girls on our team now understand that I have not lost sight of what it is like to be a high school athlete."

Young or not, O'Reilly feels like he has taken what she has learned from her mentors developed her own coaching style.

"I consider myself to be a cooperative coach. I love to get feedback from the players," O'Reilly said. "If there is a drill they feel is particularly helpful to them I want to hear about it. Also, if they have new ideas, I want to hear about them. I told the girls that I want to push them to be their best. I want to help the Shawsheen keep getting better. I want us to be a program that makes the tournament every year and has a winning tradition."

### Shawsheen Tech Girls Lacrosse Preview

# New coach, new league, new goals

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BILLERICA -- This season will be different than seasons of the past in several ways for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Lacrosse team.

It starts with a new head coach in Wilmington native Alex O'Reilly. Secondly, the program will be playing in a new league, as for the first time there will be a CAC Girls Lacrosse League, allowing the Lady Rams to compete with Greater Lowell, Essex Tech and Nashoba Tech.

But one thing that has not changed at all for the Lady Rams is the pursuit of a

berth in the state tournament, which they accomplished last season under the direction of former coach Maggie Joyce, going 7-9-1 on the season, losing in the first round of the Division 2 North Tournament to Ipswich.

O'Reilly, who is a 2012 graduate of Shawsheen, where she played lacrosse and hockey, feels like she has inherited a team ready to make a run at not only the state tournament, but the first ever CAC title.

"This group of girls is so dedicated and works so hard," O'Reilly said. "I know they want to be better than last season and I think



The Shawsheen Tech Girls Lacrosse team has plenty of local players including front row from left, Bri Penney, Shana Warford, Julia Ryan and Katie McLaren all of Wilmington; then back row from left includes Tewksbury's Alesha Talbot, Cathernine McKenna, Michelle Farraher, Nicole Kopacz, Sarah Constantino, Erin Moder, and Taylor Lynch.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



## Shawsheen Tech Softball Preview

## Lady Rams prepared to make it back to state tournament

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BILLERICA -- Last season was a very unusual one for the Shawsheen Tech Softball team. For the first time since 2003 the Lady Rams did not qualify for the post season, falling just one win shy of the state tournament with a 9-10 regular season record, losing a tight game to CAC rival Essex Tech in the season finale to finish just below the 500 record required to qualify.

If the end of the 2015 season was a bit unusual for the Lady Rams, then the start of the 2016 season also has a bit of an unusual feel to it. For the first time since 2003 Shawsheen will not be under the direction of long time coach Maureen Buckley who resigned prior to the season, leaving the program in the very capable hands of her long time assistant Scott Ialuna, who will try to steer the Lady Rams back into the post season and beyond.

If Shawsheen is going to bounce back to their usual state of prominence, which saw them not only qualify for the post season every year, but also win seven CAC titles in a row from 2007-2013, Ialuna and the Lady Rams will do so with an extremely young roster that lost five starters from last year's squad, including both of their starting pitchers.

"It was tough to end the season the way we did," said Ialuna, who had been an assistant to Buckley since 2003. "Last year was kind of a strange year in the fact that we won some games that we should have lost and lost some games that we should have won, right down to the end of the season when it came down to the wire, against Essex Tech. The goal this year is to get back to where this team has been quite often in the past."

And while Ialuna knows it will not be easy for the Lady Rams to get back to the tournament, he is fully confident that this young group of players can do just that.

"I definitely see us qualifying for the tournament as long as we keep working the way the team has been working so far in the preseason," Ialuna said. "I don't



The Shawsheen Tech Softball team includes many locals: Front row from left, Wilmington's Shannon O'Grady, Capt Katie Stevens, and Liz Freitas; back row from left: Tewksbury's Lauren Barletta, Marissa Brangiforte, Jaime Hajjar, Arianna Nicosia, Rebecca Smith, Kelsey Kelley, and Victoria Basler. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

think that is an unrealistic goal at all. We have some really good softball players and if we work hard we can get back there and I am confident that this group will do that."

Ialuna will be counting on the leadership of his three captains to help lead the Lady Rams to that post season berth. Senior leftfielder Lauren Barletta of Tewksbury, senior right fielder Katie Stevens of Tewksbury and junior shortstop Katie Welch will be team's captains this season and Ialuna knows they will be more important than ever to the success of the team.

"I see them being extremely important," Ialuna said. "They have great so far. They have made the transition a breeze. They have

made it a lot easier for me as a coach. The other players will follow them. All three of them are great leaders. I could not ask for three better captains."

In pitcher's circle the Rams must replace both Kerri Heggarty and Marissa Cushing and they have several candidates attempting to step in and fill the void starting with sophomore Cassidy Trovato, who has impressed Ialuna in the early going.

"We had a scrimmage against Beverly last weekend and I really liked what I saw," Ialuna said. "It was raining pretty heavy and in first inning she struck three of their top hitters and she showed good control throughout the game despite the poor weather conditions."

Sophomore Carlee Wickwire, freshman Marissa Brangiforte of Tewksbury, sophomore Brooke Arena and junior Liz Freitas of Wilmington will also view for pitching duties, although with Freitas and Arena being key members of the Shawsheen infield with Freitas at first and Arena at second, it is unlikely they will see a lot of time pitching.

Along with Freitas and Arena, rounding out the infield for the Lady Rams will be junior returning starter Ari Nicosia of Tewksbury at third base, along with Welch at shortstop.

The Shawsheen outfield will consist of captains Barletta and Stevens along with junior Mariah Wentzell of Tewksbury.

The Lady Rams have one of their biggest holes to fill is at catcher where they lost the services of four year starter and CAC All-Star Jamie Ray, often thought to be another coach on the field for the team during the course of her career.

The combination of junior Kelsey Kelley of Tewksbury, along with Trovato when she is not pitching, will do their best to fill the void and Ialuna has been impressed with what he has seen from the duo so far.

"I don't know if there is actually a way to replace Jamie, but the both of them have been doing a real good job," Ialuna said.

Other key players for the Lady Rams this season will be sophomore DH Katelyn Logue, junior utility player Jamie Hajjar and sopho-

more outfielder Shannon O'Grady.

Of course, the biggest replacement of all for the Lady Rams is Ialuna, who takes over for Buckley, who had led the Lady Rams to so many league titles.

"It is almost the same as with Jamie, I don't think you can actually replace Maureen after all she accomplished," Ialuna said. "She did such a good job with this team for so many years. I just can't say enough good things about her. Throughout all of her years, our players were always so well prepared for every situation."

"If I can prepare the girls even half as much as she did I will be doing a great job. That's how good she was."

## Looking to get back to CAC Championship Titles

## Boys Lacrosse team has plenty of goals this season



The Shawsheen Tech Boys Lacrosse team will feature many local players including front row from left: Wilmington's Tom King and Mark Companschi; and back row from left, Tewksbury's Ryan Magnusson, Nick Noke, Jack Stone, Dylan Melanson, Dave Pesantes, and Jackson Roane. Missing from photo are Wilm players Tom King and Griffin Blanch and Tewksbury's Chris Abele. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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BILLERICA -- While there have been many outstanding seasons in the history of the Shawsheen Tech Boys Lacrosse program, last season's team is certainly one that stands out as being among the best for the Rams.

After overcoming an 0-3 start to the season, the Rams went on to post a 14-8 overall record, including an 8-2 mark in the CAC, earning them a second place finish in the league.

More importantly, however, the Rams had even more success in the post-season, capturing the state vocational title with a win over Whittier Tech, while also winning a state tournament game for the first time since 2011 with a first round win over Northeast before being eliminated in the quarterfinals by Wakefield.

Head coach Chuck Baker, now entering his 11th season at the helm of the Rams, has been through a lot with the program, including six consecutive CAC titles at one point before finishing second the past two seasons. But even he had to acknowledge there was something a little special about last season.

"We had a great group of kids last season. It is always nice to win the Voke. Last season was even better because we beat our league rival, Whittier," Baker said. "Winning a tournament game is always great for us

as a team. We struggle in Division 2 once the tournament rolls around."

Baker is definitely right, the Rams certainly had a great group of kids last season. Unfortunately, like any team the Rams lost some key players to graduation, including some key goal scorers like Jack Peacock and Tom Avtgis, but they also bring back some real firepower on offense, including their top two goal scorers from last season in senior attack Jack Stone of Wilmington, who had 70 goals and sophomore Will Bouley, who had 44 goals as just a freshman.

Junior Jake Nardone returns to the fold after his 31 goal campaign of a year ago, while senior Josh Bouley enters this season off of a 19 goal showing last season.

While it is unclear at this point in the preseason exactly where everyone will be playing for the Rams, Baker knows that regardless of where people are playing, the Rams should have the ability to find the back of the net.

"We have had some positional changes at least for now early in the season. We will see how it goes," Baker said. "We should have the ability to score once we start to be quicker with the ball and start to find the open man on a regular basis. We most definitely have some voids to fill though."

While scoring goals should



## LEGAL NOTICE



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**THE TRIAL COURT  
MIDDLESEX  
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208 CAMBRIDGE  
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**CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO EXPAND  
THE POWERS  
OF A GUARDIAN**

Docket No.  
M114P2331GD

In the interests of:  
Carol A. Sullivan  
of Wilmington, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/  
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Sherry A. Farina of Wilmington, MA, Alicia M. Johnson of Wilmington, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/28/2016. This date is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by

the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 31, 2016  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
160450 4/6/16

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
BOARD OF APPEALS

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

**Case 11-16  
Town of Wilmington  
Map 66 Parcel 1**

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §4.1.9 for a carnival to run from June 30, 2016 through July 3, 2016, for property located on 140-150 Middlesex Avenue.  
160423 3/30, 4/6/16



## Habitat Hammers to take on Harlem Wizards on Saturday

Come support our brave residents, the Tewksbury Habitat Hammers, who are willing to take on the Harlem Wizards at the Tewksbury High School, Saturday, April 9 at 7 p.m.!

Cheer as Superintendent Dr. O'Connor coaches the Habitat Hammers players: Kathy Carleton (Dewey's first grade teacher), Mrs. Lori Hyland (Trahan's third grade teacher), Jodi Higgins (Gym Teacher at Dewey/North Street), Jennie Welch (TPD Safety Officer), Mark Bradley (TMHS Girls Varsity Coach), Phil Connors (TMHS Boys Varsity Coach), several senior TMHS girls' and boys' varsity players, Ron Drouin (Tewksbury's athletic director), and youth basketball league directors, Ken Griffin, Ken Duffet, and Annmarie Veits. We hope that the evening's referee, TMHS teacher, Jim Sullivan, is able to call a fair game!

At a Wizard's game, fans will witness amazing basketball talent as demonstrated by a magical display of tricks, coordinated ball handling, fancy passing and aerodynamic athleticism combined with high-energy comedy and audience interaction. Interested in seeing a clip of the Wizards in action? Check out the video online at [TewksburyHabitatBuild.org](http://TewksburyHabitatBuild.org).

This night of basketball wizardry is going to be an outstanding event for families around Tewksbury and all for a great cause. If you didn't want to spend \$30+ plus parking to go see the Globetrotters, come to Tewksbury Memorial High School on April 9th to see the always entertaining Harlem

Wizards!

General admission tickets for the Harlem Wizards is \$10 ahead of time or \$15 at the door (Courtside Plus and Reserved seating are sold out). All seating options will allow for on court pictures and autographs with the Wizards after the game. Tickets can be purchased online at [TewksburyHabitatBuild.org](http://TewksburyHabitatBuild.org) or with cash at Schlott Tire located at 530 Main Street. Tewksbury Habitat Build is grateful to the event sponsor, Wamesit Lanes.

Tewksbury Habitat Build is a 501(c)(3) public charity formed for the sole purpose of raising funds and securing volunteers to improve the quantity and quality of affordable family homes in Tewksbury.

## 100 Hungry Wildcats to dine on April 8th

The members of the Wilmington Wildcat Athletic Alumni & Friends Committee are hosting their Sixth Annual fundraiser "100 Hungry Wildcats."

The drawing will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wilmington. There are only 100 tickets available at a donation of \$100.00. Your ticket includes a buffet dinner for two and an opportunity to win cash prizes totaling \$2,500.00 and gift certificates.

Proceeds from the event help to support our student athletes at Wilmington High School. A limited number of tickets are still available so don't wait any longer to get your ticket. Tickets can be purchased individually or by groups.

The committee is also accepting donations such as gift certificates as an opportunity to raise additional funds through the raffle.

If you wish to purchase a ticket or make a contribution to the raffle please call Kevin Caira at 978-657-7734 or Jack Cushing at 978-658-2170. Don't miss out on a fun filled evening.

## LEGAL NOTICE



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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**CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

Docket No.  
M116P1549EA

Estate of:  
John F. Whitehouse

Date of Death:  
02/09/2014

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Judy A. August of Methuen MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Judy A. August of Methuen MA be appointed as the Personal Representative(s) of the estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 23, 2016  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
160433 4/6/16

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 05/18/2016.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED  
ADMINISTRATION  
UNDER THE  
MASSACHUSETTS  
UNIFORM PROBATE  
CODE (MUPC).**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 23, 2016  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Mary Kilroy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated May 24, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 18800, Page 63, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., to Cenlar FSB dated June 12, 2015 and recorded with said registry on June 29, 2015 at Book 29189 Page 25, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on May 2, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 298 Salem Street, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises

described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon situated on Salem Street, Wilmington, Mass., and being shown as Lot 1 on a plan entitled 'Plan of Land in Elmwood Village, Wilmington, Mass.'; Joseph W. Gernia, Surveyor, dated November 24, 1954, and recorded in North District Middlesex Deeds in Plan Book 86, Plan 1, bounded and described as follows:

WESTERLY by Arlene Avenue as shown on said plan, by three lines measuring one hundred sixty-five and 34/100 (165.34) feet;

NORTHERLY by Lot 23 as shown on said plan, one hundred twenty-four and 74/100 (124.74) feet;

EASTERLY by land of the Harriman Estate as shown on said plan, one hundred eighty-six and 39/100 (186.39) feet;

SOUTHERLY by Salem Street as shown on said plan, one hundred twenty-one and 8/100 (121.08) feet; and

SOUTHWESTERLY by a curve forming the junction of Arlene Avenue and Salem Street, thirty-one and 41/100 (31.41) feet.

Containing 22,560 square feet of land. Subject to any easements and rights of way of record.

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## TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Cenlar FSB  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW  
OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California Street  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617) 558-0500  
201412-0045-TEA  
160428 4/6, 13, 20/16

## LEGAL NOTICE

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Dorothy A. Cress to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for, First Horizon Home Loans, a Division of First Tennessee Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns, dated August 22, 2008 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 24067, Page 205, as affected by mortgage recorded with said registry of deeds at Book 24823 Page 1, and as affected by Judgment recorded with said Registry of Deeds at Book 29172 Page 23, subsequently assigned to First Horizon Home Loans, a Division of First Tennessee Bank National Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 24067, Page 214, and as affected by assignment to First Horizon Home Loans, a Division of First Tennessee Bank National Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., which was re-recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 25438 Page 246, of which the Mortgagee is the present holder, for

breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on April 13, 2016 at 131 Patrick Road, Unit 131, Building 14, Phase 14, Phase A in the Carter Green II Condominium of Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, A Condominium established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by a master deed dated October 7, 1985, and recorded on October 7, 1985 in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 3204, Page 152. The Unit is conveyed together with an appurtenant 1.2195 percent undivided interest in the common areas and facilities of the condominium and the exclusive right and easement to use certain common areas and facilities as set forth in the master deed. Said unit is to be used for residential purposes only. The unit is conveyed also together with an appurtenant membership in the Carter Green II Condominium Association, as set forth in the master deed. The said premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the following: The provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter

183A, as the same may now or hereafter be amended; The master deed and any amendments thereto; The By-Laws of the Carter Green II Condominium Association, any amendments to the same, and any rules and regulations adopted from time to time pursuant thereto, and all matters of record, stated or referred to in the master deed, as completely as if each were fully set forth herein. The unit referred to above is laid out as shown on the unit plan, which is a copy of a portion of the plans filed with The Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, Section 9, and said unit contains the area shown on said plan recorded therewith. Bk. 8208 pg. 252.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water, bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

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A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check, or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately

required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of the sale. The purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

First Horizon Home Loans, a Division of First Tennessee Bank National Association  
Present Holder of said Mortgage,  
By Its Attorneys,  
Orlans Moran PLLC  
P.O. Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: 781-790-7800  
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Northwesterly by said Grove Avenue, fourteen and 65/100 (14.65) feet to a point, and further along said Grove Avenue twenty-six and 85/100 (26.85) feet to an iron post to the point of beginning. Said premises containing in all sixty-six hundred square feet (6,600) more or less and being Lot 2 as shown on a plan of land surveyed for Margaret A. Shea by A.N. Eames, Surveyor, dated June 4, 1949 and recorded in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 75, Plan 89. For Mortgagor's title, see deed from Hilario Castro and Migdalia Castro, recorded with said Deeds immediately prior herewith.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION

## PUBLIC HEARING

**Request for  
Determination  
of Applicability**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 20th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Pan Am Railways for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the approval of designated sensitive areas along the Pan Am Rights of Way. These sensitive areas are within 100 feet of a resource area. Said property is located at Pan Am Rights of Way.

Kyle Boyd  
Conservation Agent/  
Town Planner  
160443 4/6/16

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

## PUBLIC HEARING

**SPECIAL PERMIT  
FAMILY SUITE**

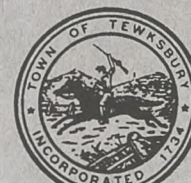
Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 25, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by James Giasullo for a Family Suite Special Permit to construct a family suite located in the existing dwelling basement as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 55 Kent Street, Assessor's Map 58, Lot 178, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am-4:30 pm.

Stephen Johnson,  
Chairman  
160427 4/6, 13/16

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

## PUBLIC HEARING

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SPECIAL PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 25, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town

Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by 1438 Main Street, LLC for Nilitah Nahata for a Sign Special Permit for the installation of an electronic message board as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1438 Main Street, Assessor's Map 59, Lot 58, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am-4:30 pm.

Stephen Johnson,  
Chairman  
160426 4/6, 13/16



## New Format for Chicks With Sticks event

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by Class Act Limo), Pink Snipers (sponsored by Get in Shape for Women) and the Goal Diggers (sponsored by Champions Choice).

"We've gotten so many players, we want to make sure that everyone has a chance to play," Joan Mullarky, a player and one of the event organizers, said. "I'm just as excited this year as I was when I first stepped out onto the ice and played the first game. The excitement doesn't go away."

Just like in previous years, the Chicks with Sticks game will also host 50-50 raffles, Chuck-A-Puck, and all manner of food and entertainment for all of the many families expected to arrive.

Unlike previous years, the Chicks with Sticks will be splitting the proceeds from the game 50/50 between Wilmington Youth Hockey and breast cancer support.

While the game has always gone to help both, this year the women in charge of the game insisted that the proceeds be divided completely evenly between youth hockey and breast cancer awareness and support.

Specifically, half of the pro-



Last year's Chicks with Sticks game was a complete success and this year's expects to be even better. The games will begin at 1 pm, Sunday at the Stoneham Arena. (file photo).

ceeds will be donated to The Ellie Fund.

"It is an organization that provides auxiliary services to women who are undergoing treatment for breast cancer," Milissa Churchill, player and one of the event organizers, said. "Their idea is to provide services like child care, food donations, house cleaning, so that while a woman is undergoing treatment her focus can be on family and healing and not worrying about how she is going to get food on the table."

Churchill had played in both previous games and stepped up this year to help take charge of planning the

game after long-time supporter Tricia Lambert decreased her role. Together, the leaders of Chicks with Sticks pushed to make sure the game was bigger and stronger than ever before.

After three years, the skill level of the women involved in the game (many of whom have gone on to play in tournament and out-of-town teams) has only increased.

"I think the skill level of the women has changed," Mullarky said. The caliber of the women who are coming on to skate, it is incredible. We have some people who played in high school and college, so the dynamic of the game is more skilled."

While the skill levels have gotten more competitive and more experienced players have been drawn to, or developed at, the games, Chicks with Sticks is still welcoming to women of all experiences, united by a common cause and an amazing sense of fun.

"Everybody is laughing and everybody is encouraging each other, and I think that spirit has really caught on," Churchill said. "People saw how much fun we were having. It really is a full day of family fun."

For Churchill, this is reflective of the spirit of warmth and community that she has always associated

with Wilmington.

"Wilmington has a wonderful town spirit, and Wilmington has a lot of people who want to give back and they heard about us, this group of people that are having a great time," Churchill said.

"I think people get a great feeling when they do something good for others, and have fun doing it," Mullarky said. And what better way to go out there and have fun then to go out with a bunch of women that you can become close with, and you're doing it with your own time and doing something incredible."

For all their time and ener-

gy that has been poured into the game, both Mullarky and Churchill are still overflowing with enthusiasm about the chance to take the ice once more.

"My favorite part of the game, every year, is stepping out onto the ice with the other women and looking to the crowd," Churchill said. "I think I was overwhelmed when we played in Stoneham last year by just how many people were there. To me, that first moment when I step out onto the ice and I see everyone who is there, that's the best."

## Optimism surrounds Wilmington High Girls Lacrosse team

FROM PAGE SP1W

front. I don't think people realize just how good she is and he is going to surprise some people," Kelley said. "Siobhan has a great shot. Sometimes I feel like it is going to rip through the back of the net. She is a powerhouse and she is not afraid to get down and dirty. She is never afraid to battle with her opponent."

Unlike Warren and Scanlon, Beray brings her talents to the midfield position where Kelley says she will provide a big spark to the Wildcats.

"Moesha is great," Kelley said. "She does not give up on the ball ever. She just does whatever she has to do to get the job done."

The captains will not be alone however, in bringing talent and experience to the Wildcats. Up front for example, Warren and Scanlon will be joined by the third attack, junior Samantha Grasso.

"Sam is a little firecracker. She has a small body, but she is a beast running down the field after the ball," Kelley said. "She is not afraid to make the hit or to get hit. I just love that about her."

Beray will be joined in the midfield by a pair of sophomores, in Lauren D'Angelo and Danielle Silva, both of whom lack the experience of their senior counterparts, but bring plenty of enthusiasm to the position.

"Lauren is very fast and she has been working her butt off. She has been taking in everything we have been teaching her and learning a lot. She shoots very well," Kelley said. "Danielle does well at midfield, and she also does a great job on draws. She is another one of our players who just doesn't stop. She is getting better every day and we can always count on her to do her job."

Defensively the Wildcats will be led by senior Megan Rhind, junior Morgan

DiBenedetto and sophomore Isabella LaMothe. Kelley is confident that the trio can be very effective in their roles.

"Meghan definitely knows how to use her body. She is not afraid to get down and dirty and get the job done. She is also very loud, which we need back on defense," Kelley said. "Bella will go get any ball in our end. She is just there so quickly it is amazing and he will make a play to clear it out as quickly as possible."

"And Morgan does a really nice job with ball control. She is not afraid to take a hit and that is what you need on defense."

Senior Emily Loud will return in net for the Wildcats after a junior season that didn't feature many wins, but did give her a great deal of experience that Kelley feels will be very beneficial this season.

"Emily has gotten a lot better. We have been teaching her a lot and he has been working hard to try and get better and she really has. Having her in net will be really big for us."

Some other key contributors for the Wildcats will be senior midfielders Alexa Peroni and Maeve Sullivan, both of whom will see plenty of playing time, along with a trio of freshmen in Molly Foley, Ashlyn Finn and Megan Santry, who have shown tremendous promise early season practices.

Other key players for the Wildcats will include seniors Stephanie Santini, Christina Natola, Lily Keating, Briana Coccoluto, Julia Pham and Bridget Sullivan, junior Brenna Buckley, and sophomores Olivia Carpenito, Meghan Thomas and Mia O'Connell.

Wilmington will open the season on Thursday at home against Woburn (3:45 pm).



Wilmington resident, Felicia Zuccola, and her East Coast Wizards U13 hockey team captured the National Championship title this past weekend in Burlington, Vermont. The team went 6-0 for the weekend. They played teams from Pittsburgh, Michigan, Florida, Vermont, New York and the championship game against the Chicago Bruins, with a final score of 2-1. The team scored 22 goals for the weekend and only let up five. (courtesy photo).

## Former played Kelley takes over the reigns

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Kelley brings plenty of her own expertise to the sideline, having played for four years at the University of Rhode Island at the club level, picking up some of the finer points of the game during her career.

Kelley graduated from URI in 2014, making her relatively close in age to many of her players. While some may view that as a drawback, Kelley has no doubt it will be an asset. But she admits even she had her doubts in the early going.

"At first I was nervous about my age and whether they would take me seriously, but it ended up working really well at the JV level and so far it has worked at the varsity level," Kelley said. "The players know that they can always talk to me and I will understand and make them feel comfortable about whatever they have to say. But they also know that when we are on the field I am going to lay down the law."

Kelley certainly had no problem laying down the law with her JV team, and so far she has had no trouble

doing the same with her varsity team. While she is always fair, Kelley views herself as someone who demands the most out of her players, and will let them know if she does not feel like she is getting it. She also feels like the players appreciate being held to a higher standard.

"I think kids appreciate it if you correct them. I think at the beginning they were a little afraid of me calling them out whenever they did something wrong, but now they know I will always follow up with them to see if they are improving," Kelley said. "They would rather I call them out now so we can continue to learn and I always want them to ask questions."

Athletic Director Ed Harrison said that Kelley's background in the sport and coaching at the subvarsity level made her ideal for the jump to the varsity.

"It's great to have Ashley Kelley as our varsity girls' lacrosse coach," he said. "Besides being energetic and enthusiastic, Ashley is very knowledgeable about

the sport (of lacrosse).

"Not only was she a standout high school athlete, she also played (club) lacrosse at URI. She has a great personality and is well respected by the team. We are hoping for good things to happen this year for our girls."

Kelley, a three-sport athlete during her time at Wilmington High, played under the direction of two of the best coaches in Wilmington High history, Sue Hendee in soccer and Jay Keane in basketball. Kelley learned plenty from both of these coaching legends and hopes to use her experience playing for them to her advantage now that she is running her own program.

"I always think about how they coached me and how I can use it to help our team now. I felt like last year we were a little lackadaisical at the varsity level and I know they would never allow that," Kelley said. "I think back to playing for Jay and Sue and you had to work your butt off to get on the field for them. I try to drill it into my kids' heads now

that they have to be committed to the team. You can't miss anything. You have to come to practice every day prepared to work and get better."

The other thing Kelley has been drilling over and over again to her players is to expect and demand the best out of themselves and each other. Kelley feels like this is a team that can qualify for the state tournament despite the program accomplishing that only once in their history. Kelley expects her players to have just as high expectations for the team as she does.

"When I was playing the goal for our teams was always to qualify for the state tournament," Kelley said. "I want our players to have that same mentality. It is hard to change the mentality of a 14 to 17 year old kid. They really have to want to do it themselves and want to believe in themselves, but I am going to do whatever I can to help them get there."

## Wilmington Little League's Kick-Off Parade set for April 16th

Wilmington Little League will kick off the 2016 season with a Parade of Players and Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday April 16th, when the Little League Parade steps off from the Town Common

area at 9:30 am.

The on-field ceremonies will take place at Rotary Park and will include introductions of special guests, ceremonial first pitch by two Wilmington Veterans plus the singing of the National

Anthem by WHS student Kelly Dankese. The Lowell Spinners mascot Canigalor will also be on hand. All parade participants will receive a hot dog and drink provided with the assistance of the Wilmington

Kiwanis Club.

This year over 600 local players will participate in baseball and softball games within Wilmington Little League's different divisions. More than 130 managers, coaches and parents will

volunteer their time supporting our program.

Following the ceremonies, the season will get under way when the White Sox take on the Yankees in Little League Major Division action.

For more information visit our website at [www.wilmingtonlittleleague.org](http://www.wilmingtonlittleleague.org).



## New coach, new league, new goals

FROM PAGE SP8C

they can be. We have some very difficult non-league games, but when we play teams in our league I feel like we can be very successful. I think we will be ready to compete against anybody."

The Lady Rams lost some key players off of last year's squad, but with the players she has returning to the lineup as well as some promising newcomers, O'Reilly is very confident in her team's abilities, starting with her co-captains, seniors Kerri Malloy and Michelle Farrar, both of Tewksbury. Malloy is an attack, while Farrar is a midfielder, but both players have the ability to put the ball in the net and both are leaders that O'Reilly knows she can count on.

"Kerri has been doing an outstanding job as captain. She is huge on communication and always keeps me in the loop. She is definitely a very good leader," O'Reilly said. "Michelle is just player to be watched. She is a big part of our offense, but she is also a big part of our defense as well."

"She is the same as Kerri in that she is a great leader and is always willing to give feedback on how to make the team better."

Joining Malloy on attack will be senior Brianna Perry of Wilmington and junior Hannah Dechiare, while joining Farrar in the midfield will be junior Annie Riddle, sophomore Katherine McKenna and senior Kaitlin McLaren. Riddle and McKenna are returning to the lineup after impressive freshman seasons, while McLaren did not play last season after being with the team her freshman and sophomore years.

"We are so glad Katherine came back this season," O'Reilly said. "She has been huge for us so far. And she is a great leader as well. If Kerri or Michelle could not make captain's practices at the start of the season, Katherine was willing to

pitch in and help in any way she could."

Defensively the Lady Rams will be led by senior Nicole Kopacz of Tewksbury along with fellow senior Kimberly Hayes and sophomore Sarah Constantino.

The last line of defense for Shawsheen leaves O'Reilly feeling quite secure, with sophomore Jess Shepherd and freshman Julia Ryan of Wilmington splitting time thus far, and both performing very well.

"They have been outstanding," O'Reilly said. "It takes a special person to be willing to get in the net and have these lacrosse balls hummed at you. But they have taken the challenge and they are doing a great job so far."

Other key contributors for the Lady Rams will be junior attack Taylor Lynch, sophomore attack Erin Mader and sophomore midfielder Alicia Talbot, all of Tewksbury.

O'Reilly is excited to see her team have the opportunity to play in the new CAC and compete for the league title and the tournament berth that goes with it.

"It has been so hard in years past because without a league to play in it was so much harder to schedule and to qualify for the tournament," O'Reilly said. "This is a great opportunity for the girls and really for all the CAC teams."

And in her first year as coach of the Lady Rams, O'Reilly's goal for her team is quite simple. Well the task itself, may not be simple, but the Lady Rams players made it very clear what they want out of the season.

"At the beginning of the season I asked the returning players what I could do as coach to make their season a success, and they just said, get us to the state tournament," O'Reilly said. "So that is our goal. They are going to work their butts off to get to the tournament and I know they will do whatever it takes. I now they can get it done."

## Boys Lacrosse team has plenty of goals this season

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not be a problem for Shawsheen there will be a new face in their net trying to prevent them after the graduation of three year starter Kevin Vacca, last season's CAC Defensive Player of the Year.

It will be no easy task, but sophomore Chris Abele of Wilmington will move between the pipes to replace Vacca and perhaps start making some history of his own down the road.

"Replacing Kevin is quite a challenge. He was a great goalie for three years for us. He allowed for us to be confident while playing defense as a team," Baker said. "Chris has worked hard at the goalie position. He will be just fine once he gets a little experience."

Some other key players for Shawsheen this season will be sophomore long stick middle Matt Irwin and junior midfielder Jason Colletti, both of whom, like Stone, are coming off outstanding seasons with Rams Hockey team. The Rams lineup will also be bolstered by the addi-

tion of transfer Jacob Steeves-Sinclair, a face-off specialist.

While the Rams certainly seem poised for a very good season. Baker is taking nothing for granted.

The CAC, after some years as a fairly weak league, continues to get stronger every year, led by Mystic Valley, who has won the last two league titles.

Baker is confident in his team's abilities, but he knows it will be a challenging season in the league, as well as with the Rams tough non-league schedule, which features match-ups against Triton, Belmont, Medford and Salem, NH.

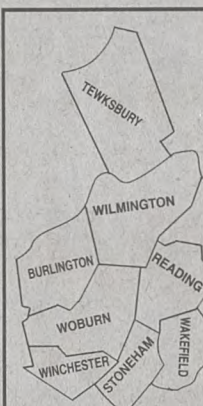
"We feel like everyone will be a challenge at this point, but definitely Mystic Valley and Whittier. Essex Tech is on the rise as well," Baker said. "It will be a tough road, but our goal is to get better each day. We will be playing a very competitive non-league schedule again, so that should force us to improve."

## MVC Transitional Football Camp, July 18-21

Head Football Coaches Brian Aylward (Tewksbury) and Tom Ryan (Methuen) are running the Second Annual MVC Transitional Football Camp for all incoming 8th and 9th graders on July 18th-21st at Nicholson Stadium in Methuen.

It is open to players from all communities. Cost for Camp is \$150 if you sign up before June 1st it is \$125.

Any questions regarding the camp you can log onto [www.leaguelineup.com/mvcfbtransition](http://www.leaguelineup.com/mvcfbtransition).



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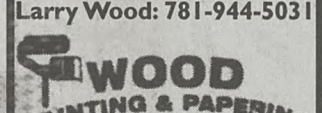
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## Three locals participate at National High School Wrestling Tournament

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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Many years ago when the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling program was still in its infancy, it was the goal of a young coach named Mark Donovan to put Shawsheen Tech on the map by building a winning program that the school and the towns that supported it could be proud of.

Now in his 31st year at the helm of the Rams, Donovan has done that and then some, building the Rams into one of the top programs in the state, producing numerous sectional and state champions all while competing as a Division 1 program.

The Rams are quite firmly on the Massachusetts wrestling map, as well as the New England map for that matter.

But this weekend Donovan saw his program put itself on a much bigger map, with two wrestlers earning All-American status while competing at the National High School Coaches Association Championships in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Junior Jake Ferri, who recently completed an undefeated (51-0) season which included championships at the Sectional, State, All-State and New England Tournaments, continued his remarkable run at Nationals, finishing second in the Junior Division at 106 pounds, beating all comers until he was finally defeated by Illinois state champion Trevor Edwards by a score of 4-3 in the finals.

Prior to his loss in the finals Ferri had dominated the competition in much the same way he had all season, defeating Melvin Rubio of North Carolina by a score of 13-0 in the first round before beating Anthony Fischetti of New York by a score of 15-1 in the Round of 16.

Moving on to the quarterfinals, Ferri showed no signs of letting up, rolling to a 9-2 victory over Nick Schutzenhofer of New Jersey before continuing his domination with a 19-7 win over Robert Hartling of Connecticut in the semi-finals, setting up his match with the national championship on the line against Edwards.

Ferri fell behind Edwards 3-0 early in the second period before fighting back to close to within 3-2 later in the second and 4-3 in the third when he made an escape midway through the period, but he came up just short in trying to pick up one more point.

This is Ferri's second consecutive season as an All-American, having become Shawsheen's first ever All-American last season when he took seventh at Nationals.

At 220 pounds, Joe Fusco wrestled to sixth place in the Senior Division, finishing with a 4-3 record, capping an incredible season of his own, in which he compiled a 49-3 record prior to Nationals, winning Sectional, State and All-State crowns before finishing sixth at the New England Tournament.

Fusco started his weekend with consecutive wins over Jakobe Walker of Oklahoma and Rodrigo Diaz of Oklahoma before suffering his first loss of the tournament in a 9-6 decision to Ohio National champ Jerek Chopper in the quarterfinals.

Fusco then won two consecutive matches in the consolation bracket, defeating James Barber of Tennessee by a score of 7-6 and Andrew Wade of Maryland by a score of 18-7. Fusco's tournament run finally came to an end with consecutive losses to wrestlers from Ohio and North Carolina, but not before leaving an indelible mark on the tournament and on Shawsheen wrestling history.

"To have two high school All-Americans from Shawsheen is pretty amazing," Donovan told the Lowell Sun after the tournament. "I'm real proud. They did really well."

A third local wrestler also competed, as Wilmington High senior Fox Maxwell finished 1-2 in the competition. He had to bump up from the 135-pound to 155-pound class due to several injuries, he said.

Maxwell first defeated Greg Bearnstead, of New York by a dominating Technical Fall with a 17-0 result. He then lost his next two matches to the Indiana state champion Chase McCormick and then to the Alabama state champion Brett Clark, by a score of 8-4.

"I think I wrestled well considering all my opponents weighed significantly more than me," he said. "Overall I didn't achieve my goal of becoming an All-American but I'm a little satisfied with my performance. I can't wait to sign my letter of intent to wrestle at Iowa Lakes on April 8th."

Maxwell finishes the season with a 36-6 record overall record which included winning the Division 3 North Sectional championship in the 138-pound class, before finishing second at the D3 State Meet and fourth at the All-States.

Maxwell, a three-time state placewinner, finished his three-year varsity career with an overall record of 126-32.

## Oberg and Peterson assigned to minor league clubs

By JAMIE POTE  
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Two local professional

baseball pitchers were in the

news this past week as

Major League Baseball

teams assembled their 25-

man rosters before the

season officially began on

Sunday.

Tewksbury resident Scott

Oberg did not make the

Colorado Rockies squad this

year, and was assigned to

Triple A with the

Albuquerque Isotopes.

Oberg really struggled this

spring, posting a 10.24 ERA

in 11 appearances. Besides

struggling, the additions of

bullpen arms Jake McGee,

Chad Qualls and the emer-

gence of Jason Gurka

seemed to limit Oberg's

chances.

Last year Oberg appeared

in 64 games for the Rockies

finishing with a 3-4 record, a

5.04 ERA with one save,

while tossing 58.1 innings

and striking out 44. He also

pitched in seven games with

the Isotopes with a 1-0

record and 2 saves and a

very impressive 1.12 ERA.

The year before Oberg

pitched in 27 games in AA

with an 0-1 mark, a 2.63

ERA and 15 saves and that came after his 2013 season in High A Ball where he recorded 33 saves and posted a 1.86 ERA.

Wilmington resident

Stephen Peterson got

promoted and has been

assigned to Double-A with

the Biloxi Shuckers out of

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his sixth season in minor



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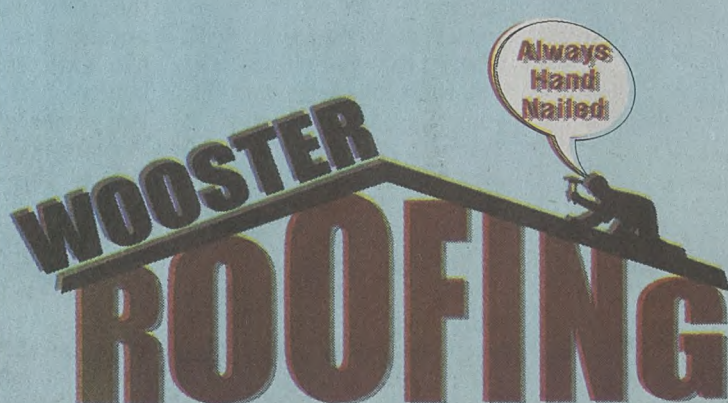


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